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# Ringgold students ill

**Most of the sick children are sixth-graders at the middle school.**

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The Ringgold School District stepped up implementation of H1N1 (swine flu) precautions after an increase in students with flu-like symptoms at Ringgold Middle School.

Superintendent Gary Hamilton confirmed that the illnesses have been mostly limited to sixth-graders at the Finleyville school.

Hamilton said that out of 262 sixth-graders, 20 were absent Friday. The number of absentees jumped to 84 – 32 percent of the sixth grade population – on Monday and 114 (44 percent) on Tuesday.

"The problem seems to be limited to sixth grade," Hamilton said. "In the seventh and eighth grade, we've had maybe 10 students or so more than average be out.

"It seems to me that in many cases, parents are taking their children to the doctor and the doctors are taking typical flu precautions and telling the parents to keep the kids at home if they have a fever."

Hamilton said that the number of absentee students in sixth grade dropped today to 102.

None of the cases have been confirmed as swine flu, even though many of the students are suffering from symptoms that include high fevers.

Hamilton said cultures have been taken from sick students and that the results should be in soon.

"I expect to have a determination on this in the near future," Hamilton said of the nature of the illnesses.

Hamilton added that he is certain the illnesses are legitimate

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# Budget panel fails to end impasse

**Democrats and Republicans are far apart on both money and ideology.**

By PETER JACKSON
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HARRISBURG – Once again, Pennsylvania Democrats maintained that new tax revenue was needed to stave off multibillion-dollar deficits, Republicans said spending cuts could shrink future funding gaps, and the budget standoff Tuesday appeared no closer to being resolved as it entered its third month.

The three senators and three representatives who make up a House-Senate conference committee wound up two hours of discussion by agreeing to prepare a comparison of the parties' competing budget plans to be considered at their next, still-to-be-scheduled meeting.

Rep. Dwight Evans, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said he believed the panel's first session since late July was productive, although he acknowledged the two sides remain divided over the bottom line of this year's budget, among other things.

"It's always productive when you talk," the Philadelphia Democrat said. Negotiating a budget "is complicated. It's not as cut and dry as people think."

Pennsylvania and Connecticut are the only two states still working on budgets for this year amid plummeting state revenues. Pennsylvania, whose fiscal year began July 1, is operating on a stopgap budget that allows state workers to be paid and maintains limited state services.

Democrats said Tuesday their latest spending plan totals $28.1 billion, which House Majority Leader Todd Eachus said represents a nearly $1 billion reduction from their previous proposal. Democrats have talked about various potential new taxes, but have not said which ones they would use to sustain that spending level.

House Minority Leader Sam Smith countered with an alternative plan that he said would reduce spending by 2.5 percent, to $27.5 billion, without a major tax increase.

Democrats stressed the need for additional recurring revenues to avert projected budget shortfalls of $4.5 billion in 2010-11 and $8.8 billion in 2011-12, largely because

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*Guy Wathan/For The Valley Independent*

**Teri Padgett, middle, of Irwin, cheers during a "Save Our Services" rally Tuesday at Westmoreland County Courthouse Square in Greensburg.**

# Social service community campaigns for state budget

**Consumers and providers gathered at Westmoreland County Courthouse Square.**

By JENNIFER REEGER
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GREENSBURG – April Fabery came a long way Tuesday to attend a rally urging state legislators to pass a budget.

Her travels over the past two decades have taken her through the darkness of depression to the other side, where she now works with others with mental illness.

Fabery, 46, of Greensburg, said she worries what will happen to her and others if legislators and Gov. Ed Rendell can't agree on a budget that sustains human-services programs.

"I keep pushing and pushing and pushing, and fighting and fighting and fighting," Fabery said. "... If the budget is not passed, I could very well lose my job. I need the services I continue to get."

Human-service agencies and their clients gathered yesterday for a Save Our Services rally at Westmoreland County Courthouse Square in Greensburg to protest the state budget impasse and potential cuts to human-services funding.

Organized by Mental Health America of Westmoreland County, the rally drew about 300 people, many wearing S.O.S. T-shirts and yelling for legislators to "Do Your Job!"

Many of those who spoke were from the mental-health community, and a wide range of human-service agencies were represented.

"This is not a political rally," said Laurie Barnett Levine, executive director of Mental Health America of Westmoreland County.

"... This is a human rally to pressure and keep alive mental health and other human services that are vital to so many members of our community."

Kathy Wohlgemuth, administrator of the Westmoreland County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program, said agencies have been taking out loans and lines of credit and reducing staff to maintain services without money from the state.

Those services – ranging from mental-health case management, to employment support, to housing programs – keep mentally ill people off the streets, out of hospitals and out of prisons.

"This budget affects human lives. You all recognize it every day," Westmoreland County Commissioner Tom Balya told the crowd. "... Frankly, we're all going to be judged over time with how we cared for the most vulnerable members of our society."

Representatives from a number of agencies spoke of the need for not only an approved budget but also one that takes into account people's needs.

Day-care providers are missing state payments to care for low-income children because of the impasse. Some Head Start classrooms aren't opening because of delayed funding.

The Westmoreland County Children's Bureau is waiting on $6.7 million in state and federal reimbursements – much of it from last fiscal year – to pay providers who are caring for foster children. The Westmoreland County Food Bank soon might need to dip into its reserves to buy food.

> "If we don't get out to our doctor, who's going to keep us stabilized? Who's going to make sure we get stabilized?"
>
> ELENA STEARLY, SCOTTDALE

Dan Goughler, chief executive officer of Family Services of Western Pennsylvania, said state officials are failing to provide a safety net for those most vulnerable – something needed as the state has moved from institutionalization to community-based

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# Early start irks soccer parents in Monessen

By STACY WOLFORD
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MONESSEN – A group of Monessen High School varsity soccer parents are upset home games will begin 45 minutes earlier than past years.

Parent Kelly Halinka, with two daughters on the girls' team, told the school board that moving home games from 4:45 p.m. to 4 p.m. will make it difficult for parents to attend and hurt concession stand sales.

Halinka said the concession stand is vital to the booster organization as its the main fund-raiser for the soccer players.

Speaking at an agenda session, she said it will be difficult to get parents to man the stand.

She said the booster organization makes $1,500 to $2,000 from concession stand sales.

"All of that money goes back to the kids," she said.

Director Roberta Bergstedt, who chairs the athletic committee, said the times were changed based on a recommendation from Athletic Director John Sacco.

WPIAL rules require at least one district administrator to attend school-sponsored athletic events.

Halinka said the parents met with

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# VALLEY PEOPLE

## U.S., Cuba seek mail deal

WASHINGTON (AP) – The United States and Cuba will start talks this month on resuming direct mail service between the two countries for the first time in nearly half a century as the Obama administration continues to try to engage the communist island, U.S. officials said Tuesday.

The negotiations, set for Sept. 17, will follow the resumption in July of talks on the legal immigration of Cubans to the U.S., according to the officials.

The two sides agreed on the two sets of discussions in late May, a month after President Barack Obama eased travel and financial restrictions on Americans with family members in Cuba.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because details of the negotiations are not yet completed.

## Yesteryear

**Here's the third grade class at the former Lincoln Elementary School in Monongahela in 1967-68. First row, from left, Von Weygant, Chantel Ducoli, Keith Charlton, Terri Wentzel, Mark Williams and Mary Lou Venanzi; second row, Charles Sowers, Sally Coulter, Robert Pearson, Carol Bugalle, Marshall Thompson, Michele Minor and Ronald Ritchie; third row, Michael Peters, Tracy Miller, David Matheny and Kathy (last name not listed); fourth row, Eddie Poroda, Sally Wood, Jeff Stewart, Lori DeBerdardinis, Bobby Gogol, Sally Healey and Darrell School; top row, Robert Anderson, Donna Harrison, Richard Pasula, Mary Kay Solomon, Sam Jackson and Linda Revetta.**

## Ringgold (FROM PAGE ONE)

and are not a reaction to the district merging students from the former Carroll and Finley middle schools at the beginning of the school year

"The kids that we are sending home are definitely sick," Hamilton said. "They look sick and they have fevers."

The superintendent added that "a couple" of teachers also came down with high fevers and went home.

He said the district is taking a preventative approach to the illnesses, not only at the middle school, but at all five district buildings.

Hamilton said the district sent out information about the flu before school started and sent out more letters in light of the situation at Ringgold Middle School.

"The information is mostly from the Department of Health and the Department of Education," he said of the state agencies.

All students and teachers throughout the district are being urged to wash their hands frequently. Hand sanitizers have been placed in every class room and doorknobs and desks are being wiped down.

Hamilton said efforts have been expanded at the middle school.

"We are doing more cleaning at night to get ready for the next day," he said.

In the Monessen School District, teachers are stressing the importance of regular hand washing.

"We have sanitizers in the cafeteria. We are having the custodians wash the desks every day and basically doing anything else we can to keep a clean environment," district Superintendent Dr. Cynthia Chelen said.

Chelen said children with fevers are being sent home. She said the district has not had a rash of illnesses since school started.

In the Belle Vernon Area School District, Superintendent Stephen Russell said hygiene is a top priority.

"We are being vigilant," Russell said. "Anything we can do to keep everyone healthy is a priority."

Russell said custodians are "constantly" cleaning high-traffic areas. District nurses and principals recently participated in a state-sponsored "webinar" focusing on ways to deal with the flu and proactive steps to take.

So far, Russell said there have been no rash of absent students as attendance was 98 percent at the middle and elementary schools yesterday and 97 percent at the high school.

The Centers for Disease Control is closely monitoring outbreaks of the H1N1 flu and updating schools and universities on the situation.

The CDC is emphasizing the importance of the basic foundations of influenza prevention: stay home when sick, wash hands frequently with soap and water when possible, and cover noses and mouths with a tissue when coughing or sneezing (or a shirt sleeve or elbow if no tissue is available).

Nationwide, a million people have come down with symptoms of the swine flu.

*Staff Writer Stacy Wolford contributed to this report.*

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# Appeals court upholds Web gambling ban

Off-shore bookies claimed the federal prohibition was too vague.

**By The Associated Press**

PHILADELPHIA – A U.S. appeals court upheld an Internet gambling ban Tuesday, rejecting a challenge from an association of off-shore bookies that the federal prohibition was too vague and violated privacy rights.

The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia rejected arguments from Interactive Media Entertainment & Gaming Association in New Jersey, which had filed the lawsuit hoping to legalize online betting in that state.

Congress passed the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act in 2006 to ban online gambling that would be illegal in the state where the individual or gambling business conducts the transaction. The law does not target the bet itself but criminalizes bank or credit card transactions linked to the bet.

The group's lawyers questioned how the location of an online bet would be determined if the gambler is in Delaware, for instance, and the operation is in Costa Rica.

## Budget (FROM PAGE ONE)

of the expected cutoff of federal economic stimulus money and growth in mandatory expenses such as Medicaid, state prisons, and state-employee pensions.

Republicans argued that cutting spending immediately would help reduce potential shortfalls in the future.

"Each budget builds on the previous year's spending," said Smith, R-Jefferson.

Evans said he would support efforts to reduce costs, but predicted that won't be enough to offset the effects of the recession on state tax collections.

"You're still going to need some form of recurring revenue," he said.

Sen. Jake Corman, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, questioned whether Democratic Gov. Ed Rendell's administration was doing all it could to rein in major expenses.

He noted state Auditor General Jack Wagner recently estimated that the Department of Public Welfare could save more than $300 million a year by reducing errors in determining Medicaid eligibility.

"Before we even begin to talk about tax increases, I think we need to maximize those savings," said Corman, R-Centre.

Wagner, a former state senator from Pittsburgh and a likely candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in 2010, issued a statement calling on budget negotiators to work "around the clock" until a compromise is reached.

He cited the crackdown on Medicaid eligibility as a worthy idea.

## Soccer (FROM PAGE ONE)

Sacco, and then decided to take their case to the school board.

Bergstedt said the field has no lights and the board doesn't want games held in the dark later in the season. She said the board wants to ensure an administrator is there at all times.

"We employ an athletic director who makes these recommendations that are in everyone's best interest, and I think we need to go with that," Bergstedt said. "I missed a lot of my kid's games, too."

Halinka replied, "That doesn't make it right, though."

Director Marissa Sacco – John Sacco's wife – told Halinka she doesn't know the "ins and outs" of the program or all the reasons why the times were changed.

"That's why we're here," Halinka said. "Tell us."

Board President Cheryl Galilei said the board would look into the situation, but added it's likely too late to make schedule changes.

Parent Vickie Hartung said the children are successful at school because their parents are active in the children's lives through volunteerism.

Halinka said the booster organization might collapse if it can't raise money through the concession stand. She said the parents conduct other fund-raisers, but none are as profitable.

"If this happens, and there is no longer a booster organization, I want you to be the ones to tell the kids," she said of the school directors.

In other matters, Norbert Vesely commended the teachers for their work decorating classrooms to greet the children.

"I know a lot of staff spend their own money on decorations, and they should be commended for the work they do," Vesely said.

The board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday for its business meeting.

## Rallies (FROM PAGE ONE)

services for the mentally ill.

"When the legislators visit us, they tell us what a wonderful job we do," Goughler said. ".... Then they turn to us and say: 'What more can we do for you?' Pass a budget – that's what you can do for us. Pass a budget that addresses the needs of our community.' "

Dan Stewart, 50, of Greensburg, relies on mental-health services provided by a variety of agencies.

"There's a lot of programs that help us. They give us confidence," Stewart said. "They take us places. They keep us busy."

One of the programs that benefits Stewart is Achieving Through Community Experience, or ACE.

"We're a big part of keeping people out of the state hospitals," said Melanie Litz, an ACE therapist at Paula Teacher and Associates, which is feeling the effects of the budget stalemate.

"We're dedicated to the people we serve. We're getting creative finding free things for our clients to do."

Elena Stearly, a mental-health client who lives in a Scottdale personal-care home, said programs such as ACE keep her doing well and connected to the community.

She also relies on transportation services to get to doctors' appointments.

"If we don't get out to our doctor, who's going to keep us stabilized?" she asked. "Who's going to make sure we get stabilized?"

Deborah Myers, 45, of Greensburg, said she was suicidal before she began living at Threshold, a residential mental-health facility.

"It just improved my whole life," said Myers, who said she would be "probably on the streets" if not for the mental-health services she has received.

"Without this budget, you'll have a lot of people who are going to be on the streets," said Fabery, who hopes a budget will pass that would allow her to keep her job as a driver and aide for a mental-health agency.

# Valley briefs

### New rules expected to reduce robocalls

You should be hearing a lot fewer of those maddening pre-recorded telephone pitches for everything from car insurance to debt-consolidation services.

Telemarketers now need written permission from consumers in advance in order to solicit them through automated pre-recorded telemarketing messages, sometimes called robo-calls, the Federal Trade Commission said.

The new rules went into effect Tuesday.

Even people who have not signed up for the federal Do Not Call registry, as well as those who have done business in the past with the solicitors, now are protected from unwanted automatic calls.

### State launches flu vaccine registry

The state Department of Health on Tuesday launched an online pre-registration for health care providers who are interested in receiving H1N1 swine flu vaccines when they become available.

Hospitals, clinics, pharmacists, schools and community vaccinators are all eligible to register. Pre-registered providers will receive e-mail updates about swine flu vaccination, a vaccine provider agreement, ordering instructions and information on how to store, handle and administer the vaccine.

The state Department of Health cannot guarantee that vaccine will be supplied to all pre-registered providers, or give the timing and size of shipments, because the federal vaccination plan is still under development.

### Activists seek halt to pet project $$$

A citizens' group is calling on state officials to halt pork-barrel grants controlled by the Legislature.

The group known as Democracy Rising PA claimed Tuesday that allowing the Legislature to steer tens of millions of taxpayers dollars to pet projects in legislators' home districts violates the state constitution.

Leaders of the group told a Capitol news conference that the secretive practice invites corruption. They cited as an example the case of former state Sen. Vincent Fumo, who began serving a 4- 1/2-year federal prison term Monday for defrauding the Senate and two nonprofits of several million dollars.

### PNC shuts down targeted Web site

PNC Bank had authorities investigate and shut down an Internet site early Tuesday after cyber criminals tried to "phish" sensitive information from people online, said a bank spokesman.

An unknown number of PNC customers and possibly non-customers received e-mail from someone posing as PNC saying their online bank accounts had been blocked and instructing them to renew online.

Once it detected the scam, PNC posted the rogue e-mail message on its site to alert people, said spokesman Pat McMahon.

*Emma Jene Lelik/For The Valley Independent*

**Gathered at Mary Olivieri's retirement reception at Donora Public Library are, from left, Jean Pansino, Alberta Alonso, Mary Olivieri, Judy Thomas and Beth Vaccaro. Thomas is the administrative assistant at the library and Vaccaro is a member of the board of directors. Alonso is clerk and Pansino is a visitor.**

# Oliveri ends 40-year run at Donora Public Library

Emma Jene **LELIK**

Mary Olivieri has had an affiliation with the Donora Public Library since she was in the third grade.

"I used to run down to the library every Saturday morning to get my books," she said.

"My parents couldn't read or write and I realized very early how important books were.

"The teacher used to have me read to the class when I was in Allen School."

Olivieri started working at the library 40 years ago, when it was still located in part of the Community Center at Seventh Street and McKean Avenue.

On Monday, she ended her long career just in the shadow of her 82nd birthday.

"I loved being in touch with the children and helping them," said Olivieri, who is single.

She says she can still picture the little boy jumping up and down with joy when his mother got him his own library card.

Olivieri's schedule was 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday until five years ago, when her days started to end at 3 p.m.

"When we were planning the move from the Community Center to the new library building on Meldon Avenue about 10 years ago, we commented that we'd need a truck to move all those books," Olivieri recalled.

She said a little girl, Crystal Foster, heard the conversation and volunteered: "My grandfather has a truck."

And that grandfather, Hugh Smedley, came willingly and transported the books.

"Crystal's in college now and doing real well," Olivieri said.

Olivieri said she enjoyed all activities at the library.

She said the Donora Historical Society collected all the old newspapers on file and took them to Ohio to be microfilmed.

"People come in to use them for genealogy work," she said. "One woman comes from the state of California every year to continue her research."

Students from Carnegie-Mellon University, studying the Spanish culture, did their interviews in the library.

Olivieri said she will especially miss the rapport she had with the children.

"The library has been a treasure to me," she said.

# Country music star set to perform at 9-11 fete

Country music singer Trace Adkins will sing the national anthem at the eighth annual Sept. 11 ceremony honoring the 40 passengers and crew members of United Flight 93 in Somerset County.

"Trace Adkins represents the very best of American music," said Joanne Hanley, National Park Service superintendent, Flight 93 National Memorial. Adkins recently received the Academy of Country Music's Single of the Year award.

"His participation, along with our nationally known speakers, is a tribute to the importance the lives and actions of our heroes hold not only for Americans, but for citizens around the world. We appreciate Mr. Adkins for lending his voice and talent to this solemn occasion," Hanley said.

Everyone aboard the flight died when terrorists crashed the airplane into a field in Stonycreek Township. The passengers and crew members were credited with storming the cockpit, preventing the plane from crashing into landmarks in Washington, D.C.

This year's ceremony, with the theme "Upon This Sacred Ground, Courage Remembered," will begin at 9:45 a.m. adjacent to the temporary memorial site near Shanksville.

Keynote speaker will be former Secretary of State Gen. Colin Powell. Other speakers include Tom Ridge, former governor and Homeland Security secretary, and Gen. Tommy Franks, honorary co-chairs of the Flight 93 National Memorial campaign; and Gordon Felt, president of the Families of Flight 93.

At 10:03 a.m., the moment Flight 93 crashed, the name of each passenger and crew member will be read. Bells of remembrance will be tolled by members of the Families of Flight 93.

# Carroll Township plans crackdown on speeding cars

Police Chief Paul Brand acknowledges that speeding is a problem on Van Voorhis Lane.

**By JEFF OLIVER**
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CARROLL TOWNSHIP – The township is planning to crack down on speeding vehicles on Van Voorhis Lane.

Motorists have been traveling well in excess of the 25 mph posted limit even though the township's police department has written more speeding tickets this year than in past years.

At Tuesday's regular monthly meeting of the board of supervisors, a resident's complaints about increased speeding on that road prompted the board to pay more attention to that stretch of road.

Police Chief Paul Brand admitted that Van Voorhis Lane often has traffic that travels at a faster rate than allowable. He said drivers need to be more mindful of the speed limit on that road.

"Unfortunately, with our limited resources, us being there all the time isn't possible," Brand said.

Brand did say that police will put in more of a presence on the road and added that he will use VASCAR as a means of catching speeders.

"We've written more (speeding) tickets (throughout the township) this year than in a long time," Brand said. "People still aren't getting the message."

Supervisor Chairman Tom Rapp said that some people traveling on Van Voorhis Lane "don't even have regard" for township street department employees working there.

Brand told the supervisors that he would try his best to get a handle on the speeding in that area.

In other business, the supervisors approved a request for a two-year contract extension with Waste Management, the township's refuse hauler.

The extension, which runs through Aug. 31, 2011, includes a small increase for township residents.

The quarterly rate for customers will go from $33.54 to $34.56, an increase of $1.02 per customer.

# Perryopolis drowning victim is focus of reservoir search

Emergency personnel continued the search Tuesday for a Fayette County man who is believed to have drowned at Youghiogheny Dam Reservoir in Somerset County.

Richard Makovich, 47, of Perryopolis, was riding in a 16-foot aluminum boat Monday with his mother, Constance Makovich, 69, said Emil Svetahor, law enforcement manager for the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. Richard Makovich fell out of the vessel near the lake's boat launch area.

"They were basically cruising in the boat he was operating, hit a wake and he was thrown from the boat," Svetahor said.

Constance Makovich was not injured, Svetahor added.

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# RECORDS

## POLICE LOG

### California

■ James Breen, 18, of Mechanicsburg, was cited 3:28 p.m. Friday after he allegedly failing to stop for a school bus while it was attempting to discharge passengers at Wood Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, police said.

### RESA

■ A red 1996 Chevrolet S-10 pickup truck driven by Harry Herrod, 59, of 254 Washington Road, Waynesburg, was traveling north on Route 88 in Roscoe around 7 a.m. Tuesday when he either blacked out or fell asleep, police reported.

His vehicle hit three poles in the parking lot of Interstate Paper Co., struck a trailer and then traveled 40 feet across railroad tracks before coming to rest on Furlong Avenue.

Herrod refused medical treatment. Personnel from Roscoe fire department assisted RESA police.

### State police, Belle Vernon

■ Police said someone broke a window at CoGo's gas station, 3348 Pittsburgh Road, Perryopolis, and stole numerous items at 1:48 a.m. Aug. 25. Anyone with information can call police at (724) 929-6262.

■ Paul Baumgardner, 31, of Perryopolis, told police that someone stole a 26-inch Toshiba plasma television and an Xbox 360 Elite sometime from Aug. 21 to 24. Anyone with information can call police at (724) 929-6262.

■ Michele Pryor, of Fayette City, told police someone used her personal information to attempt to refinance a mortgage sometime Thursday. Anyone with information can call police at (724) 929-6262.

■ Lawrence E. Fisher, Jr., 53, of Star Junction, was charged with driving under the influence and disorderly conduct after an incident 2:18 a.m. Thursday on Greenfield Road in Perry Township, police said.

■ Two people suffered minor injuries in a two-vehicle accident at 4:12 p.m. Monday on Route 8030 at the I-70 ramp in Bentleyville. Police said a vehicle driven by John Shaffer struck the rear of a car operated by Mildred Jamison, of Donora. Jamison and her passenger, Robert Hardison, also of Donora, were taken to Mon Valley Hospital for neck and back pain.

## CORRECTIONS/ CLARIFICATIONS

### Softball corrections

An article that ran Saturday on page 1A incorrectly stated that eight teams participating in the Rostraver Democrat Committee's Sept. 19 softball fundraiser at Cedar Creek Park are all from the Valley. A mix of Valley and regional teams will participate. It was also stated that softballs will be given away with food in exchange for donations. Softballs will not be given away.

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## DEATH NOTICES

**ELAND** — Raymon Eland, of Gibson, Bentleyville, on Monday, Aug. 31. Thompson-Marodi Funeral Home Inc., Bentleyville.*

**HEWITT** — Jesse J. Hewitt, 62, of Glassport, on Thursday, Aug. 27. Eley/McCrory Funeral Home Inc., Fayette City.*

**PATERLINE** — Mel Paterline, 91, of West Newton, on Tuesday, Sept. 1. Richard F. Dodson Memorial Home, West Newton.*

**PREVIOUS DEATHS:**
**RAWLS**, Robert A.*
*** See death notice**

### Mel Paterline
**West Newton**

Mel Paterline, 91, of West Newton, died Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009, in his home. He was born June 17, 1918, in Smithton, a son of the late Enos Z. Paterline and Lucy Garena Paterline. He was a member of the Holy Family Roman Catholic Church and a lifelong member of the VFW, where he served as chaplain more than 45 years. Prior to retirement, Mel worked as a sales representative for Jones Brewery in Smithton. A World War II veteran, Mel served our country as a staff sergeant in the Army with the 841st Engineers in the South Pacific. He was awarded rifle marksmanship during his service with the Army. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Josephine Romanak Paterline; brother, Audley; sister, Margaret; and son-in-law, Steven Cochenour. He is survived by his six children, Melvin A. (Vicky) Paterline, of Holden Beach, N.C., John A. (Deborah) Paterline, of West Newton, Thomas E. (Lonna) Paterline, of West Newton, Roma Cochenour, of West Newton, Peggie Paterline (Elmo) Clark, of Rochester, N.Y., and Kathy Paterline, of West Newton; 12 grandchildren, Dr. Brent (Tiffany) Paterline, Christa Paterline, Stephanie Cochenour (Derek) Mull, Justin Cochenour, Adam Paterline, Milo Paterline, Zach Paterline, Carlo Paterline, Abby Paterline, Jamie Paterline, Jennie Cochenour and Alexandra Clark; and four great-grandchildren, Jacob Mull, Carder Paterline, Jaden Mull and Grayson Paterline. Friends will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the RICHARD F. DODSON MEMORIAL HOME, 213 Main St., West Newton, where a blessing service will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday followed by a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in the Holy Family Roman Catholic Church with the Rev. James T. Sweeney as celebrant. Interment with full military honors will follow in West Newton Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to the Wounded Warrior Project, c/o Richard F. Dodson Memorial Home, 213 Main St., West Newton, PA 15089.

*Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.*

### Raymon Eland
**Gibson, Bentleyville**

Raymon Eland, 77, of Gibson, Bentleyville, died Monday, Aug. 31, 2009, at Monongahela Valley Hospital. He was the son of the late Joseph and Margaret Lillico Eland. A veteran, he served with the U.S. Army in Korea from 1949 to 1952. He retired from Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel, Allenport mill, where he worked as an electrician. On Nov. 2, 1952, he married Dolores Mae Geho, who died Sept. 20, 1987. Surviving are four children, Joseph R. Eland (Cheryl) of Canonsburg, Cheryl Vernet (Rudolph) of Monessen, Glen D. Eland of Gibson and Roy R. Eland (Terri) of Lucinda; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Also deceased is a brother, Norman Ray Eland. Friends welcome from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the THOMPSON-MARODI FUNERAL HOME INC., 809 Main Street, Bentleyville (724-239-2255), where a military service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Sept. 4, 2009. Interment will follow in Mon Valley Memorial Park. Condolences can be sent at www.thompson-marodi.com.

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### Jesse J. Hewitt
**Glassport**

Jesse J. Hewitt, 62, of Glassport, died Thursday, Aug. 27, 2009, in UPMC McKeesport. He was born Feb. 24, 1947, in Belle Vernon, son of the late Frank W. Hewitt and the late Gladys Bradley Hewitt. Surviving are two sons, Frank Hewitt and wife, Virginia, of North Huntington, Pa.; and Jesse Hewitt and wife, Stella, of Monessen; two brothers, Ernest and Julian Hewitt, both of Charleroi; two sisters, Edith Urwin, of Monongahela and Elaine Smith, of Glassport; five grandchildren, Katrina, Lexi, Austin, A.J. and Abigail Hewitt; and former wife, Louise Hewitt. He was preceded in death by brothers, Henry, Albert and Raymond Hewitt; and sisters, Ila Kate Dzonko Chalfant and Dorothy Hewitt. Friends were received and a memorial service was conducted with the Rev. Patrick Pugh officiating Monday, Aug. 31, 2009, in the ELEY/MCCRORY FUNERAL HOME INC., Main Street, Fayette City. www.eleymccroryfuneralhome.com.

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### Robert Austin Rawls
**Staten Island, N.Y.**
**Formerly of Charleroi**

Robert Austin Rawls, 77, of Staten Island, N.Y., formerly of Charleroi, passed away Aug. 27, 2009, at Staten Island University Hospital. Family and friends will be received for viewing on Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Lock Four, Charleroi. A complete obituary will be announced on Thursday. THE WILLIAM R. TAYLOR FUNERAL HOME is in charge of the arrangements.

*Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.*

# Trial scheduled in Springer homicide case

Justin Welch retained a different attorney after backing out of a plea deal.

**By CHRIS BUCKLEY**
*Staff Writer*
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WASHINGTON, Pa. – The trial for two men charged in the shooting deaths of former Carroll Township police Chief Howard Springer and his wife, Nancy, is expected to begin Sept. 14.

Judge Debbie O'Dell Seneca Tuesday denied a request by attorney Joseph Francis to delay start of the trial. Francis had sought the extra time to familiarize himself with the case against his client, Justin Welch.

Welch, of 911 Crest Ave., Apt. 3, Charleroi will face trial on two counts of criminal conspiracy to commit homicide, and one count each of robbery, theft by unlawful taking and receiving stolen property. Welch and Gerald Szakal, of Fifth Street, Webster, are both scheduled to face trial beginning Sept. 14 in Washington County Common Pleas Court.

Jury selection is expected to begin Sept. 8.

Francis recently took over the case. Attorney Jim Ecker withdrew as Welch's counsel after his client backed out of a plea agreement that would have included his testimony against Szakal.

Szakal was charged with two counts of criminal homicide, and one count each of robbery, receiving stolen property and tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Police believe Szakal shot and killed the Springers March 4, 2008, inside their 1241 Highland Road, Carroll Township, home.

According to court records, Szakal stole jewelry and rare coins from his mother's Rostraver Township home, selling them to the Springers before returning to the Carroll Township couple's home to rob and kill them, police allege.

According to the court documents, Szakal admitted to killing the Springers and stealing $6,500, giving $1,500 to Gregory Monya Carpenter, of 911 Crest Ave., Apt. 3, Charleroi, and $1,000 to Welch.

After allegedly killing the couple, Szakal went to the 911 Crest Avenue apartment where he took off his blood-splattered clothing, showered and placed the clothing in a plastic bag, according to court records. The bag was later thrown in the river.

He placed the .25-caliber handgun allegedly used in the homicides under a mattresses on one of the beds, according to court records.

The Springers were precious metals dealers who operated out of their home. Former customers told police that the only way to gain access to the Springers home business was to first set up an appointment by telephone. Records indicate Szakal called the Springers three times the day of the homicides.

Hours before Welch backed out of a plea bargain Aug 5, Carpenter pleaded guilty to receiving stolen property and tampering with evidence. He will be "a government witness," Washington County District Attorney Steve Toprani said at the time.

A fourth suspect, Tecko Dwayne Tartt, 22, pleaded guilty in April to robbery and criminal conspiracy to commit robbery. A charge of criminal conspiracy to commit homicide was withdrawn in exchange for his testimony.

Although the case will proceed to trial later this month, Toprani has recused himself from the case. The district attorney is close to the Springers, who were his neighbors while he was growing up in Carroll Township.

Instead, his First Assistant District Attorney Craig McKay will prosecute the case. He will be joined by attorney Chad Schneider from Toprani's office.

"I'm certainly very sensitive to the case, although we will proceed like any other homicide," Toprani said. "I don't want to give any appearance of impropriety because it is well known that they were my neighbors."

# Spacewalkers tackle hefty tank removal in orbit

A new fully loaded tank will be installed on Thursday night.

**By MARCIA DUNN**
*AP Aerospace Writer*

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A pair of spacewalkers successfully tackled a hefty tank removal job at the international space station Tuesday as their crewmates unloaded comedian Stephen Colbert's namesake treadmill for all "those famously fat astronauts."

The only concern Nicole Stott and Danny Olivas had about mass – everything is weightless up there, after all – involved the huge ammonia tank they needed to disconnect. They held the freed 1,300-pound tank steady until a robot arm grabbed it.

A new fully loaded tank will be installed on the second spacewalk of the mission Thursday night. The old one will be returned to Earth aboard Discovery.

The tanks are massive by spacewalking standards: Nearly 5 feet long, 7 feet wide and 4 feet high. The old one has been up there since 2002.

A moment of concern arose 1 1/2 hours into Tuesday evening's spacewalk when Olivas noticed fraying on the index finger of his right glove, following the tank removal. Mission Control evaluated the problem for several minutes before giving him a "go" to remain outside. The stitching defect was deemed minor; deeper damage likely would have forced an early end to the spacewalk.

Minutes later, Stott reported a high reading of her carbon dioxide levels. When asked if she felt any symptoms, she replied, "No. Nothing." Mission Control said it appeared to be "a weird sensor" and that her suit was operating fine.

Then there was a half-hour communication outage between Mission Control and the shuttle-station complex. A thunderstorm at a satellite relay station in Guam was to blame.

"You're going to be on your own here," Mission Control told the 13 space fliers before contact was lost. The spacewalkers' work to retrieve some science experiments was rearranged because of the outage.

Everything went smoothly after that, and the 6 1/2-hour spacewalk ended early Wednesday with all objectives accomplished. "Good day's work," Olivas said.

Shortly before the spacewalk got under way, the space station officially got its new $5 million treadmill that is named for Colbert. It was one of the first items to be unloaded from the moving van that was delivered by Discovery.

Colbert, known for his Comedy Central program "The Colbert Report," was out of the country Tuesday. But he said through his New York publicist that "my treadmill will ... help trim down those famously fat astronauts." The word "my" was underlined. "Lay off the Tang, Chubby!"

The Colbert treadmill appeared to be the chubby one. As the treadmill was being pushed across the threshold, it bumped into a camera and dislodged it. An astronaut nudged the camera back into place.

Colbert originally wanted a space station room named after himself and even won an online vote earlier this year for naming rights. NASA instead went with Tranquility for the yet-to-be-launched chamber, in honor of Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's landing on the moon's Sea of Tranquility 40 years ago this summer. The treadmill became COLBERT, short for Combined Operational Load Bearing External Resistance Treadmill.

The treadmill is in more than 100 pieces. The bags containing all those parts will remain in a corner of the space station until September, when Stott has time to put together the running machine.

Stott, the space station's newest resident, hitched a ride up aboard Discovery. She will spend the next three months in orbit.

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# Justice Stevens slows his hiring at high court

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens has hired fewer law clerks than usual, generating speculation that the leader of the court's liberals will retire next year.

If Stevens does step down, he would give President Barack Obama his second high court opening in two years. Obama chose Justice Sonia Sotomayor for the court when Justice David Souter announced his retirement in May.

Souter's failure to hire clerks was the first signal that he was contemplating leaving the court.

Stevens, 89, joined the court in 1975 and is the second-oldest justice in the court's history, after Oliver Wendell Holmes. He is the seventh-longest-serving justice, with more than 33 years and eight months on the court.

Stevens confirmed through a court spokeswoman Tuesday that he has hired only one clerk for the term that begins in October 2010. He is among several justices who typically have hired all four clerks for the following year by now. Information about this advance hiring is not released by the court but is regularly published by some legal blogs.

# NEWS

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 2, the 245th day of 2009. There are 120 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight**

On Sept. 2, 1945, Japan formally surrendered in ceremonies aboard the USS Missouri, ending World War II.

**On this date:**

■ In 1789, the United States Treasury Department was established.

■ In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman's forces occupied Atlanta.

■ In 1901, Vice President Theodore Roosevelt offered the advice, "Speak softly and carry a big stick" in a speech at the Minnesota State Fair.

■ In 1930, the first nonstop airplane flight from Europe to the U.S. was completed in 37 hours as Capt. Dieudonne Costes and Maurice Bellonte of France arrived in Valley Stream, N.Y., aboard their Breguet 19 biplane, which bore the symbol of a large question mark.

■ In 1935, a hurricane slammed into the Florida Keys, claiming more than 400 lives.

■ In 1945, Ho Chi Minh declared Vietnam an independent republic. (Ho died on this date in 1969.)

■ In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the National Defense Education Act, which provided aid to public and private education to promote learning in such fields as math and science.

■ In 1969, the first automatic teller machine (ATM) to use magnetic-striped cards was opened to the public at Chemical Bank in New York. (Called a "Docuteller," it was developed by Donald C. Wetzel.)

■ In 1998, a Swissair MD-11 jetliner crashed off Nova Scotia, killing all 229 people aboard.

■ **Ten years ago**: It was announced that President Bill Clinton and his wife, Hillary, had signed a contract to purchase a $1.7 million house in Chappaqua, N.Y., ending a months-long guessing game over where the couple would live after leaving the White House.

■ **Five years ago**: President George W. Bush pledged "a safer world and a more hopeful America" as he accepted his party's nomination for a second term at the Republican National Convention in New York. A military jury at Camp Pendleton, Calif., convicted Marine Sgt. Gary Pittman of dereliction of duty and abuse of prisoners at a makeshift detention camp in Iraq; Pittman was sentenced to 60 days of hard labor and demoted to private.

■ **One year ago**: Republicans assailed Barack Obama as the most liberal, least experienced White House nominee in history at their convention in St. Paul, Minn., and enthusiastically extolled their own man, John McCain, as ready to lead the nation. President George W. Bush briefly addressed the convention by satellite from the White House. A gunman in Skagit County, Wash., killed six people and injured four others; a suspect, Isaac Zamora, is awaiting trial.

Associated Press

**President Barack Obama stands with Education Secretary Arne Duncan, left, and Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, center, as he speaks about the H1N1 swine flu virus Tuesday in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington.**

# Obama may get more specific about overhaul

Critics of his health proposals dominated many public forums last month.

**By CHARLES BABINGTON**
*Associated Press Writer*

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama has talked a lot about health care lately, but some allies say he has been too vague. Now he's thinking of throwing more details and personal weight into the debate, which polls indicate Republicans have been winning in recent weeks.

Faced with falling approval ratings and increasingly impatient with Senate negotiations, Obama is considering a speech in the next week or so in which he would be "more prescriptive" about what he feels Congress must include in a health bill, top adviser David Axelrod said Tuesday in an interview.

The speech might occur before the Sept. 15 deadline the White House gave Senate negotiators to seek a bipartisan bill, Axelrod said. He suggested that two key Republicans have not bargained in good faith.

Congress reconvenes next Tuesday after an August recess in which critics of Obama's health proposals dominated many public forums.

Some Obama allies feel he gave too much leeway to Congress, where one bill has passed three House committees, another has passed a Senate committee and a third has been bogged down in protracted negotiations in the Senate Finance Committee.

Axelrod indicated that Obama would not offer new proposals but would be more specific about his top priorities.

"The ideas are all there on the table," Axelrod said. "Now we are in a new phase, and it's time to pull the strands of these together."

He said there is serious discussion in the White House of Obama "giving a speech that lays out in specific ways what he thinks" about the essential elements of a health care bill.

Axelrod said it was possible that the speech could occur before a planned Sept. 15 Obama address on health care in Pittsburgh.

Obama has called for innovations such as a public health insurance plan to compete with private insurers, but he has not insisted on it. It was not clear Tuesday the degree to which he might press for various proposals in a new speech.

Obama also plans to meet with Democratic congressional leaders when lawmakers reconvene next week.

Axelrod condemned recent comments by two chief Senate Republican negotiators — Charles Grassley of Iowa and Mike Enzi of Wyoming — who have sharply criticized key elements of Democrats' health care plans even as they insisted that a workable bipartisan plan was possible.

Their remarks, Axelrod said, "were not exactly consistent with good-faith negotiations."

In an August fundraising letter, Grassley asked people for "support in helping me defeat Obamacare." He said Democratic-drafted bills would be "a pathway to a government takeover of the health care system."

Enzi, in a radio address Saturday, said Democratic proposals would restrict medical choices and make the country's "finances sicker without saving you money."

The two men are part of a six-senator, bipartisan negotiating team that also includes GOP Sen. Olympia Snowe of Maine. Hopes for a workable bipartisan plan have dimmed in recent weeks, and Axelrod's comments were the most dismissive yet from a White House official.

Congress' August recess was brutal for Obama and his allies, as lawmakers faced raucous crowds denouncing Democrats' health proposals. When Congress comes back Tuesday, Democratic leaders hope to change the dynamic by holding quiet, closed-door sessions with nervous colleagues and arguing that far-reaching health care changes can be good politics as well as good policy.

They also hope GOP-led opposition has peaked. But that's far from clear, and Republicans are eager to hand Obama his first major defeat.

A new CNN/Opinion Research poll found that 53 percent of Americans disapproved of Obama's handling of health care, while 44 percent approved.

# Auto sales post best month of year

Consumers snapped up fuel-efficient cars in August.

DETROIT (AP) — The nation's automakers are bracing for quieter showrooms and slower sales this autumn after the Cash for Clunkers program offered a big but unsustainable boost in August.

U.S. sales of cars and light trucks rose to 1.3 million in August, a roughly 30 percent increase from July. It also was the first monthly year-over-year gain since October 2007.

Ford, Toyota, Hyundai and Honda were the big winners as consumers snapped up their fuel-efficient cars. Rivals Chrysler Group LLC and General Motors Co. endured another month of falling sales, although their high-mileage vehicles did better.

But the August industry gains could quickly be followed by a slowdown in September and for the rest of the fall, automakers and analysts warned Tuesday. Although the clunkers program succeeded in bringing in new buyers, a large portion were people who planned to buy vehicles later in the year.

Now the question is whether automakers will need to roll out an expensive new round of rebates and low-cost financing to spur sales.

Cash for Clunkers, which ended on Aug. 24, drew hordes of buyers into quiet dealerships by offering up to $4,500 toward new, more fuel-efficient cars and trucks. The hefty rebates gave automakers and dealers a much-needed lift, spurring 690,114 new sales, many of them during August, at a taxpayer cost of $2.88 billion.

Several automakers said their supplies plummeted during August, especially for their fuel-efficient models. That could make it harder for customers to find the exact model they want going forward.

## THE WORLD BRIEFLY

### Wildfire battle far from over

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Crews battling the massive wildfire north of Los Angeles have gotten major assistance from the weather, allowing them to build lines around a quarter of the blaze, but the fight is far from over. Fire officials fear the winds could kick up today, as flames creep closer to homes and a historic observatory.

More humid weather and a slight break in the blazing heat helped the brush resist burning, but crews were bracing for the possibility of thunderstorms, dry lightning and wind Wednesday afternoon.

U.S. Forest Service incident commander Mike Dietrich was not willing to say a corner had been turned.

"Right now if I were in a boxing match, I'd think we're even today," Dietrich said.

### Taliban suicide blast kills 23

KABUL (AP) — An Afghan official says a Taliban suicide attack has killed 23 people east of Kabul, including the country's deputy chief of intelligence and the head of a provincial council.

The explosion ripped through a crowd attending the inauguration of a mosque in Laghman province. A Taliban spokesman says a suicide bomber targeted the deputy chief of intelligence.

Government spokesman Sayed Ahmad Safi confirmed that the deputy chief, Abdullah Laghmani, was killed, along with the head of Laghman's provincial council, the executive director of the governor's office and 20 others.

The killing strikes at the heart of Afghanistan's intelligence service and underscores the Taliban's increasing ability to carry off complex and targeted attacks.

### Hurricane Jimena brushes past resorts

LOS CABOS, Mexico (AP) — Hurricane Jimena weakened to a Category 2 storm as it bore down on the coast of Mexico's Baja California peninsula.

By early today, Jimena's maximum sustained winds had decreased to near 105 mph (165 kph) and the National Hurricane Center in Miami said it was expected to weaken further.

Jimena's change in status came after the hurricane brushed passed the resort towns at the southern tip of the Baja California on Tuesday, lashing them with driving rain and winds.

Despite the pummeling by the fringes of the then-Category 3 hurricane, the Mexican peninsula's biggest resort, Los Cabos, appeared to be escaping major damage beyond power outages and mud-choked roads.

Dozens of people evacuated from the Los Congrejos shantytown huddled in darkened rooms at a school after electricity failed during the storm.

## 'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

### One player hits 'Cash 5' jackpot

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — One player matched all five winning numbers drawn in Tuesday's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game and will collect a jackpot worth $370,740.

Lottery officials said 115 players matched four numbers and won $259 each; 4,495 players matched three numbers and won $11 each; and 55,435 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

## The Valley Independent Lottery Results

**PENNSYLVANIA** — DAILY NUMBERS

TUESDAY, September 1, 2009

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| NIGHT PICK 3: | 9-8-1 |
| DAY PICK BIG 4: | 1-6-3-1 |
| NIGHT PICK BIG 4: | 1-1-1-2 |
| DAY QUINTO: | 4-5-3-7-7 |
| NIGHT QUINTO: | 2-0-8-4-3 |
| TREASURE HUNT: | 2-6-13-16-23 |
| CASH 5: | 1-4-18-22-38 |
| SUPER 7: | 10-17-21-22-28-30 37-55-63-67-75 |

**OHIO** — DAILY NUMBERS

TUESDAY, September 1, 2009

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| DAY PICK 3: | 3-9-2 |
| NIGHT PICK 3: | 5-8-2 |
| DAY PICK 4: | 5-0-1-5 |
| NIGHT PICK 4: | 9-1-7-2 |
| ROLLING CASH 5: | 11-21-30-34-37 |

**WEST VIRGINIA** — DAILY NUMBERS

TUESDAY, September 1, 2009

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| DAILY 3: | 3-1-7 |
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## OUR OPINION

# Negotiations handled well in Charleroi

**UNIONIZED TEACHERS** of the Charleroi Area School District are to be commended for staffing their classrooms while negotiations continue on a new contract to replace the pact that expired five days ago.

So, too, are the school board and district negotiators for helping to create an atmosphere that made the teachers comfortable enough about the situation to avoid a confrontational approach to the negotiation process.

We hope cool heads will continue to prevail as the negotiations, which are scheduled to resume Thursday, continue.

Disagreements, of course, are part of any discussions aimed at drafting collective bargaining agreements, and we expect that will be the case in the effort to replace the recently expired three-year contract that was put in place in 2006.

Back then, like today, Charleroi Area's teachers remained in their classrooms while their representatives hammered out the details of a new contract with district negotiators.

Leaders of the Charleroi Area Education Association have remained tight-lipped about the status of negotiations, ignoring numerous telephone calls and e-mail messages from reporters for comment.

That's reasonable because they apparently have decided to negotiate at the bargaining table rather than through the news media.

Dr. Brad Ferko, Charleroi's superintendent of schools, has been more willing to discuss the situation, but is understandably reluctant to provide specifics.

The superintendent told *The Valley Independent* last week that progress is being made and both sides are bargaining in good faith.

"There's a lot of discussion going on," Ferko said. "There's not a great deal of movement, but we're talking and that's good. I think both sides are committed to getting this done."

Hopefully, they're also committed to allowing the educational process to continue while that's happening.

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## ANOTHER VIEW

***Spartanburg (S.C.) Herald Journal, on Veterans Affairs Department finances:***

Congress should exercise its oversight authority and investigate the finances of the Veterans Affairs Department.

The VA's inspector general issued a report last week on $24 million in bonuses given out by the agency to its employees. It found that many of the thousands of employees who received bonuses over the two-year span studied may not have deserved them.

It also found nepotism and agency money that apparently funded an improper affair between two agency employees. The report indicated that one VA official acted "as if she was given a blank checkbook" as she gave bonuses and awards to friends and family. ...

Congress has the authority and an obligation to oversee the operations of the agency. It also has a duty to make sure the nation's veterans get the best care and service the federal government can deliver.

Those obligations require Congress to take a look at VA operations and determine how wide this corruption is and at what level within the agency heads must roll.

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# Harsh interrogations work

Rich **LOWRY**

If Dick Cheney had a fantasy scenario for how the Bush administration interrogation program worked, it might go like this: A top-level al-Qaida operative is captured, but resists traditional interrogation. He is then waterboarded, after which he becomes an invaluable resource. Eventually, the terrorist conducts tutorials on al-Qaida doctrine and operations for the benefit of American intelligence officers.

Except it's not a fable. It describes the course of 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed's post-capture career, according to The Washington Post. The Post report, together with CIA documents released during the past week, demolishes a key argument of opponents of so-called enhanced interrogation techniques — that "'torture' never works."

This contention always betrayed an insecurity. For all their thundering about the criminal immorality of coercive interrogations, opponents never dared admit that they could have elicited important, perhaps lifesaving, information. They treated it as a kind of metaphysical impossibility.

In so doing, they left a hostage to fortune. They had to hope that Cheney was wrong when he said that classified documents proved the effectiveness of the interrogations, and failing that, had to hope the documents would never be declassified. On this front, the release of the 2004 Central Intelligence Agency inspector general report — declassified thanks to an American Civil Liberties Union lawsuit — has been a disaster for them. In the intelligence business, it's called blowback.

The IG report said detainees in the interrogation program made the CIA aware of plots to attack the U.S. consulate in Karachi, Pakistan; to fly hijacked aircraft into Heathrow Airport; to derail a train in the U.S.; to blow up gas stations in the U.S.; to fly an airplane into the tallest building in California; and to collapse bridges in New York. If any of the planned attacks in the U.S. had come off, many of the same critics braying about the CIA's interrogation program would be outraged about its failure to "connect the dots."

The IG report doesn't flatly assert that the enhanced interrogations were responsible for this intelligence haul, but the facts make it obvious. Top terrorists were withholding information prior to the application of the toughest techniques, and were compliant afterward. Surely, their decision to talk didn't result from a sudden fit of conscience. According to the report, KSM was "an accomplished resistor," who provided mostly "outdated, inaccurate, or incomplete" information until he was waterboarded. Subsequently, he became the "most prolific" source of important leads.

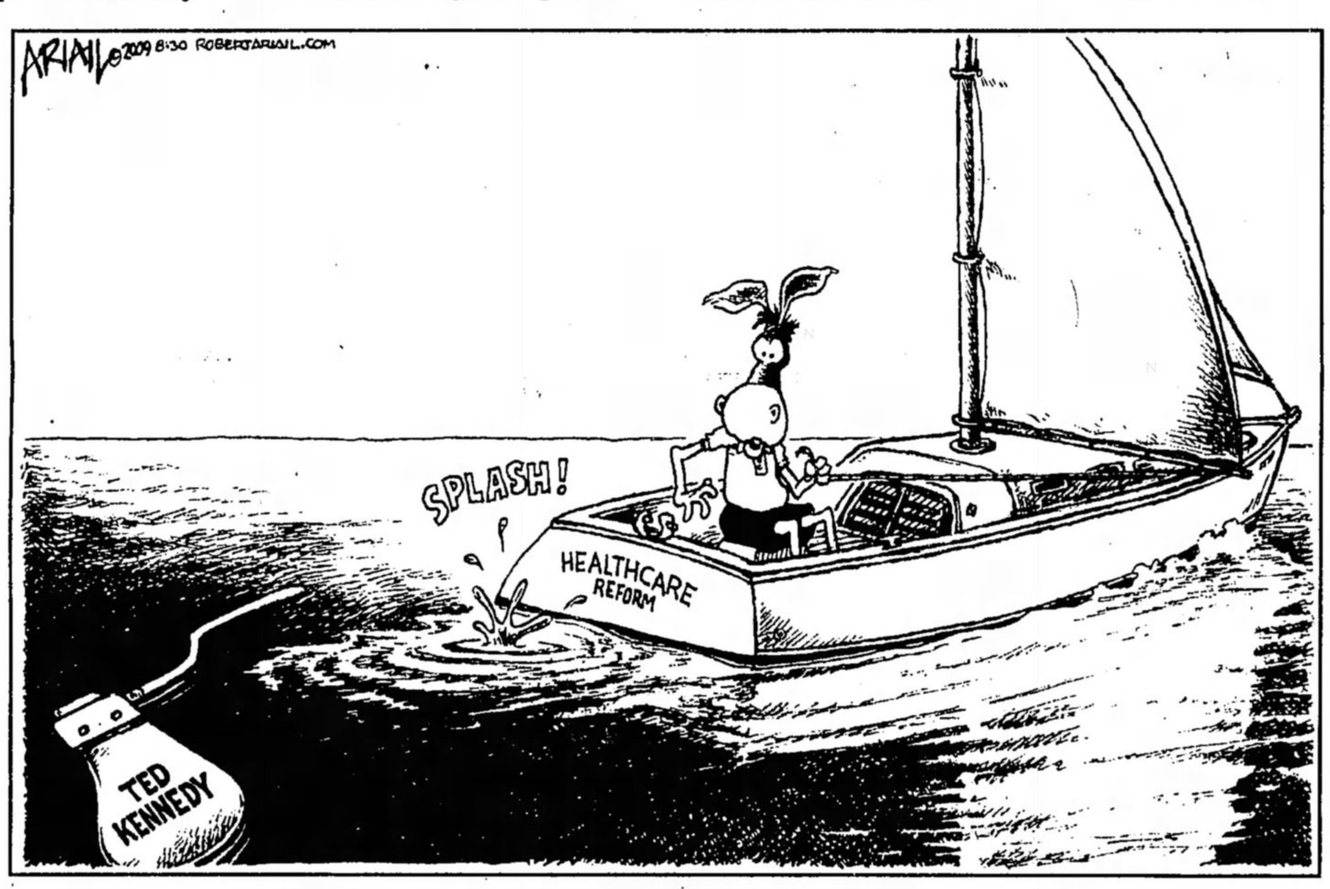
According to the IG report, KSM's cooperation led to the arrest of a truck driver in the U.S. named Iyman Faris who was plotting attacks on New York landmarks; of a sleeper operative in New York named Saleh Almari; of an operative named Majid Khan who had easy entree into the U.S.; and of two Pakistani businessmen whom KSM "planned to use to smuggle explosives into the United States."

Overall, according to another CIA document released last week, "detainees in mid-2003 helped us build a list of 70 individuals — many of who we had never heard of before — that al-Qaida deemed suitable for Western operations." In the war on terror, learning the identities of these operatives is almost the equivalent of the ULTRA program breaking German codes in World War II.

The former CIA Inspector General John Helgerson tells The Washington Post that "waterboarding and sleep deprivation were the two most powerful techniques and elicited a lot of information." Such extreme methods should obviously be used only in a carefully controlled setting against top detainees harboring information about ongoing plots.

Years of bombast and distortion have nonetheless killed the enhanced-interrogation program. The Obama administration has put the CIA out of the interrogation business and will henceforth endeavor to limit itself to the minimalist methods in the Army Field Manual.

Thus it enshrines an interrogation regime that wouldn't have gotten KSM to cooperate so quickly, if at all. And turns its back on what worked.




# Media sheepish about lion's murky past

Diana **WEST**

Something about the death of a famous liberal person turns the media into grieving widows whose dictum against speaking "ill" of the dead eliminates all sober analysis of the life in question. Once, death in the passing parade came to us, more or less, in "just-the-facts, ma'am" obituaries. Now, breaking, live and for the duration, a celebratory loop plays on about even the most mixed and controversial public lives.

Notice I said "mixed" and "controversial," restrained terminology to describe the life and times of Sen. Ted Kennedy, whose death triggered a media dump of Hallmark-curlicued tributes that all begin with "lion of the Senate" — as though that were his official title — and finish with "the end of Camelot," as though that were his actual residence, not the tagline of an ancient PR campaign.

Question: How does the 1969 death of Mary Jo Kopechne — whom the married, panicked and first-term Sen. Ted Kennedy left to drown in 7 feet of Chappaquiddick water — apply to the "lion" from "Camelot"?

Answer: It doesn't.

Remember? Don't speak ill of the dead. Kennedy fixture Ted Sorensen's gloss in Time magazine is typical, depicting "the Chappaquiddick incident" as merely ending Kennedy's "bright prospects for still higher office."

The "Chappaquiddick incident" ended more than presidential prospects. It ended the life of a woman unlucky enough to have depended on Ted Kennedy. But it didn't end Kennedy's political career as it should have — and would have any non-Kennedy's.

ABCNews.com, maybe more perversely still, paints Kopechne's death as the reason Kennedy became the "lion of the Senate" in the first place: "But oddly, the darkest moment in Kennedy's career ... ultimately transformed him into one of the most highly regarded politicians in Congress."

A dainty segue back to the "lion of the Senate," no? Remember: Don't speak ill of the dead — and particularly "not at this time," which, in truth, describes a summer that has taken a toll on our celebrity class. From Michael Jackson to Walter Cronkite, deaths of the rich and famous have led the season's news as much as health care and town-hall meetings. Add Farrah Fawcett, Robert Novak, Don Hewitt, and now, Dominick Dunne, and it becomes clear that this was a summer in which death did not take a holiday. It also claimed Saudi billionaire and serial-libel tourist Khalid bin Mahfouz.

Michael Jackson was a cash cow the media milked for everything they could, ignoring — that is, not speaking "ill" of — Jackson's freakish life to elevate the pathetic, unsavory pop idol to national iconhood and reap maximum ratings.

In showering approval on Walter Cronkite, the media were showering approval on themselves, or at least on their notion of their own importance. Oh, and about the fact that Cronkite misreported the 1968 Tet Offensive as an American defeat? Don't speak — you know the rest.

It's an old story by now. But there is so much the media consider "ill" in Kennedy's life — thus, unmentionable — that we are not getting a straight story. Besides the "Chappaquiddick incident," there were the decades of public debauchery. His political career was indeed at times momentous, but "controversial" is a mild word for it. The first legislation he managed as a U.S. senator, the 1965 Immigration Act, effectively tipped the immigrant pool of this nation from Europe to the Third World. His despicable and notorious slander of Judge Robert Bork not only spearheaded the assault on Bork's 1987 nomination to the Supreme Court, it opened the sewer gates to slime politics. We get scant consideration of such consequential facts. We get an emotional rush.

This would matter less if the man were quietly going to his rest. But Democrats have already seized on the Disneyfied Kennedy — The Lion-Senator — as the posthumous mascot of nationalized health care, and will be adding Kennedy's name to health-care legislation.

This would make zero political sense if the media told the whole mixed and controversial truth. But they haven't marked the passing of a consequential scion of a power-wielding, privileged American family. They have showcased the debut of a cartoon superhero. The eyes and ears of democracy have failed us again.

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NEWS

# Accuser testifies at sex trial involving New Stanton man

James Crise, 28, faces numerous charges related to an alleged sexual relationship he had with a teenage girl.

By RICH CHOLODOFSKY
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An 18-year-old woman told a Westmoreland County jury on Tuesday that she became intimate with a New Stanton man over a three-month period in 2007, even though he claimed to be six years older than the teen.

In reality, James Crise was then 25. The girl was 15 at the time of the alleged sexual assaults.

The woman testified she and Crise engaged in numerous sexual encounters.

"It made me feel closer to him," she told jurors.

Crise, now 28, faces charges of statutory sexual assault, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse and related offenses in his relationship with the teen.

She testified she encountered Crise over the Internet and their friendship grew into a sexual relationship. Crise told her he was 21 years old, she said.

A traffic stop in Greensburg on July 2, 2007, alerted police to Crise's relationship with two girls.

For nine months, the teen denied she had an intimate relationship with Crise, because he told her to lie, she said. But she eventually told a school guidance counselor in Feb. 27, 2008, because she had tired of lying, she told jurors.

Neither side addressed the witness' visible pregnancy. The witness is not pregnant to Crise, according to the District Attorney's Office.

Richard Powell, 32, testified yesterday that on Feb. 24, 2008, Crise told Powell he had sexual relations with a 15-year-old girl.

Powell, who faces charges of theft and receiving stolen property, said Crise made his admission while they were confined at the county prison.

Crise, who is acting as his own lawyer, contends his accuser is lying about the sexual relationship.

He challenged prosecution witnesses, including several police officers, about the veracity of their investigation.

During that investigation, police seized two laptop computers containing photographs of Crise and his accuser kissing, and two pictures of the naked girl.

Judge Rita Hathaway admonished Crise about his questioning of witnesses, suggesting he was leading police officers to disclose information to the jury about unrelated evidence found on his personal computer.

That evidence, according to Assistant District Attorney Kelly Hammers, included pictures of Crise having sex with his aunt and "hundreds" of pornographic photographs of unidentified young girls.

"That is still being investigated," Hammers told the judge, while jurors were out of the courtroom.

Last month, Crise was convicted of possessing child pornography involving the photographs of the girl in this case and a 13-year-old girl. Crise was convicted of taking pictures of the girls while they were bikini wrestling.

He is awaiting sentencing on those offenses.

Crise called his former fiancee to testify yesterday.

Heather Safran, who said she broke off with Crise three weeks ago, said Crise had a platonic relationship with the 15-year-old in 2007.

"You were like a big brother to her," Safran testified.

After Hammers showed the witness the naked pictures of the girl, taken from Crise's computer, Safran conceded they were not indicative of a relationship between siblings.

Crise told Hathaway he will testify when the trial resumes this morning.

**Justin Koontz and his grandmother, Lou Ann Lori, of Belle Vernon, took *The Valley Independent* with them to New York City to watch the Yankees defeat the Boston Red Sox. They were celebrating Justin's 14th birthday.**

# Pennsylvania might lease ex-prison facility in region

The state Department of Corrections is interested in leasing one of its former prisons - a 117-acre property in Greene County - to handle inmate overcrowding.

Deputy Press Secretary Sue Bensinger said buying or leasing the former SCI-Waynesburg in Morgan Township is one of several housing options the department is considering to deal with a burgeoning inmate population.

"We are looking at Waynesburg as a possibility, but nothing's moved forward," she said.

Property owner Charles Powell, of Cambridge Springs, Md., who briefly operated a school for young addicts there, said he's in preliminary discussions with the state.

"We're talking about it, yes," said Powell, who operates AMP-CEP Group Homes in Owings Mills, Md. "A lease price is up in the air right now between us and the state. I'm just talking with them now. The situation in the state is money is tight like everywhere else."

In 2005, the state sold SCI-Waynesburg for $990,000 to Powell's Basalt Trap Rock Co.

# Job services workshop set in Monessen

The Mon Valley Initiative and the Monessen Public Library and District Center will sponsor a workshop about career services offered by each organization 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sept. 15 at the library.

Participants can learn how each organization can assist in areas such as referrals to training and educational opportunities, criminal background issues, résumé development, interview techniques, job leads and career exploration workshops.

An on-site recruiting event will be held as part of the workshop.

Human resource representatives from Pathways of Southwestern PA will be on-site accepting applications for personal care aides. .

The workshop is free, but registration is required.

Area residents can register or to obtain more information by calling (724) 379-4750, extension 127.

The purpose of MVI's workforce development program, which is planning the workshop, is to assist unemployed and underemployed are residents prepare for and access employment opportunities that exist in the region.

In addition to the assistance provided to potential employees, program officials work with local employers to assess and understand their human resource needs.

For more information on other services offered by MVI, visit its Web site at www.monvalleyinitiative.com.

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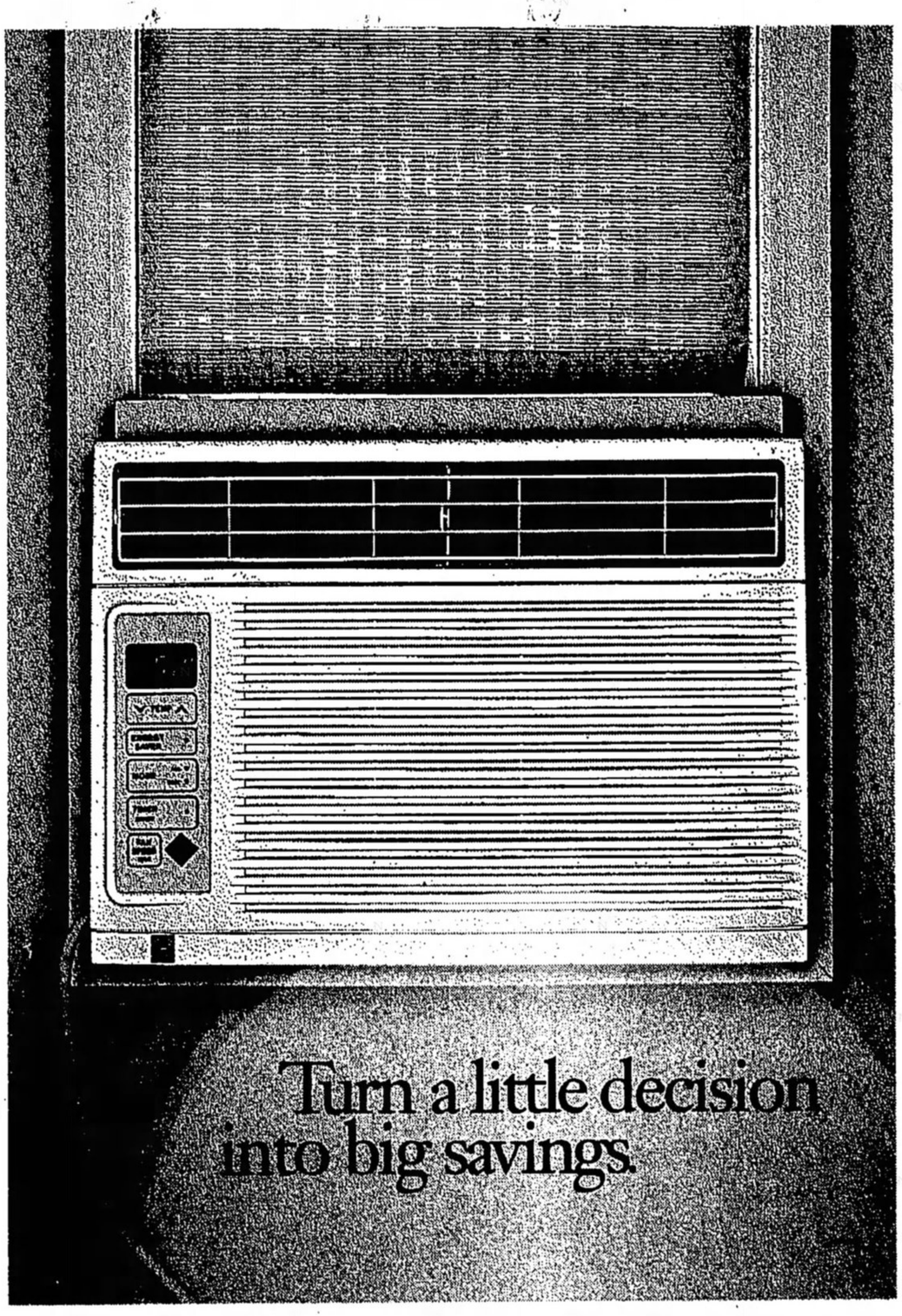


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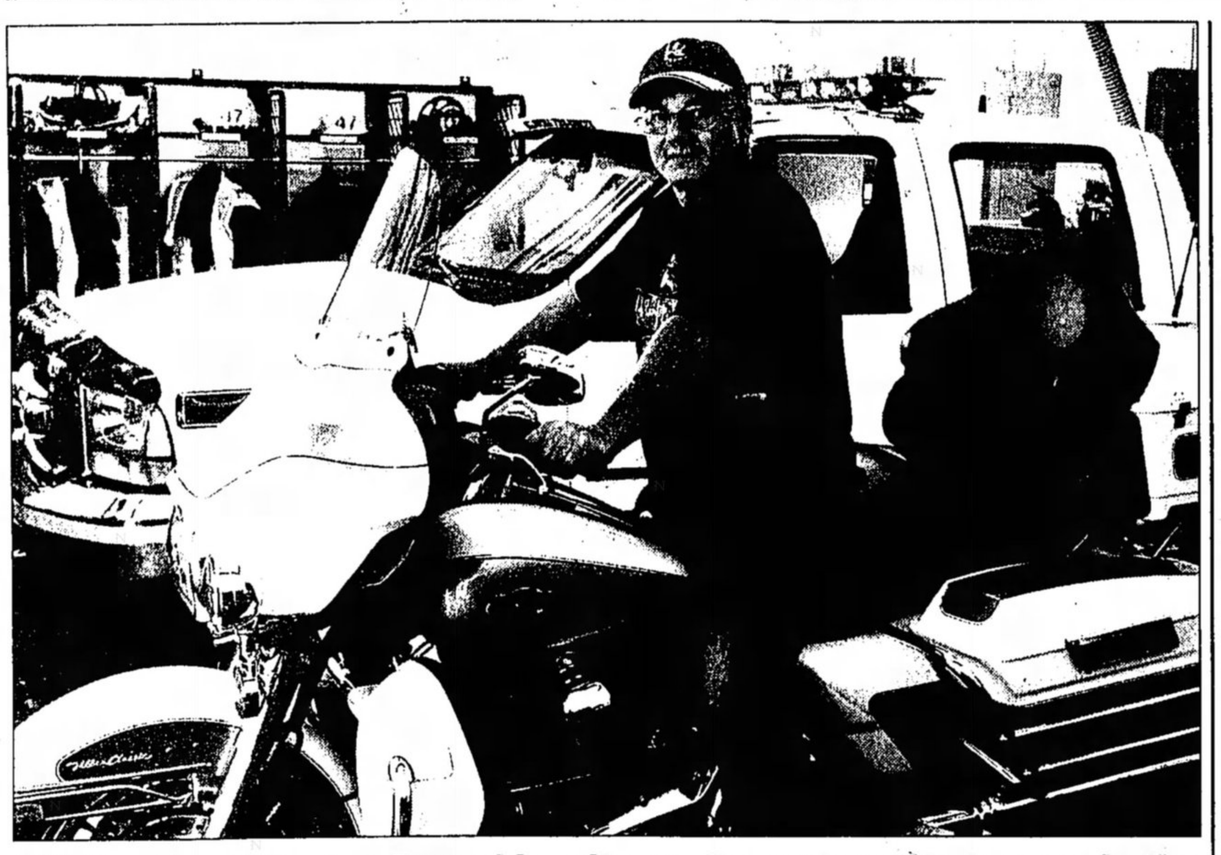

Bill Margie, of Canton Township, sits on the motorcycle he won in the 12th annual Fallowfield Township Volunteer Fire Company Ultra Classic Harley Raffle.

This group, from left, took The *Valley Independent* on vacation to the Portal Tomb in County Clare, Ireland: Belinda Staffieri, of Belle Vernon; Pat Cloherty, of Charleroi; Marlee Amos, of New Martinsville, W.Va.; Courtney Stankiewicz, of Belle Vernon; and Amy Staffieri, of Belle Vernon.

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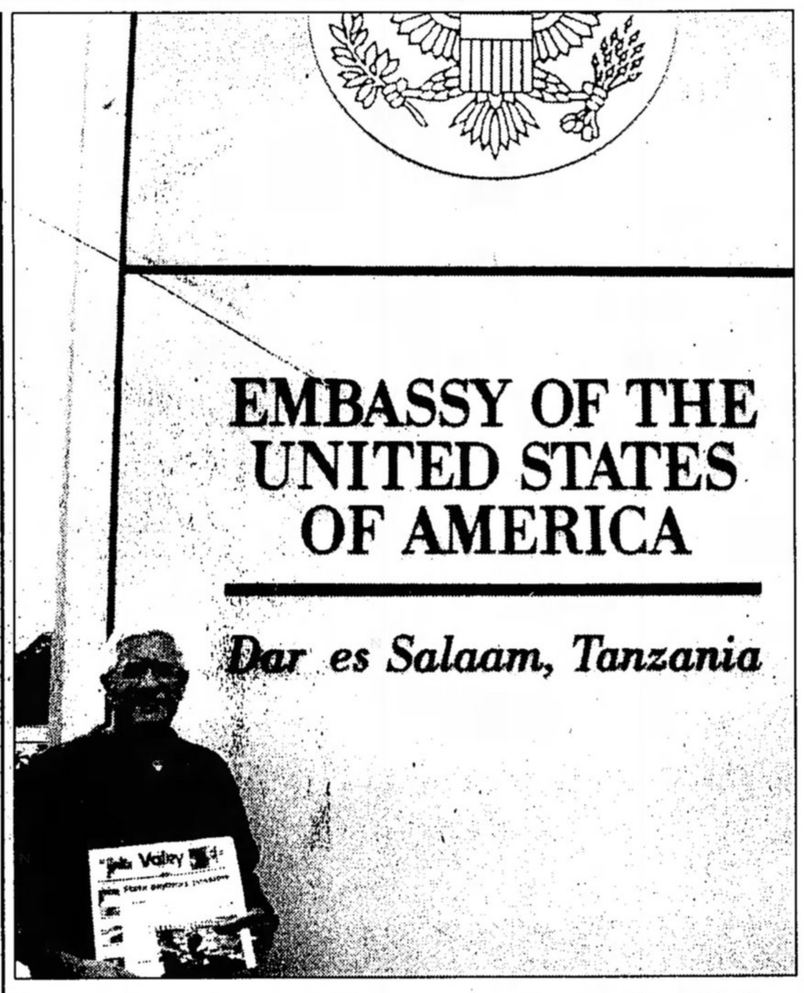



Wayne Vlasic, of Monessen, took *The Valley Independent* on vacation to Tanzania.

## IN THE SERVICE

### Chadd McElfresh completes basic

Chadd F. McElfresh completed basic military training for the 171st Air National Guard at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. He will attend college until he leaves for security forces tech school in Texas. He is the son of Everett and Debra McElfresh, of Belle Vernon.

McElfresh

### Brandon Bongiorno completes training

Pvt. Brandon J. Bongiorno completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

He will will undergo combat training at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and then military police training.

A 2008 Frazier High School graduate, he is the son of Bernard Molnar, of Perryopolis, and Phyllis Bongiorno, of Perryopolis.

### Garrett Mayernik completes training

Airman Recruit Garrett C. Mayernik completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

A 2004 Monessen High School graduate, he is the son of Brenda L. and Timothy J. Mayernik, of Monessen.

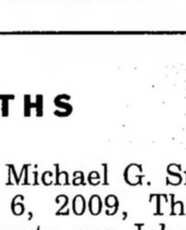
## BIRTHS

■ **Lancy** – Melissa J. and Michael G. Sr., Charleroi, a son, Michael G. Jr., Aug. 6, 2009, The Washington Hospital. Maternal grandparents are John and Deborah Tomalski, of Belle Vernon. Paternal grandparents are Barry and Michelle Rutan, of West Newton. Maternal great-grandparents are Thomas and Lois Vitale, of Belle Vernon. The couple also has a daughter, Madalynn, 3.

■ **Varga** – Richard A. and Kelly A., Fayette City, a son, Noah Richard, Aug. 11, 2009, Excela Health Westmoreland Hospital, Greensburg. Maternal grandparents are Stephen and Gemma Kurylo, of Rostraver Township. Paternal grandparents are Emil and LaVerne Varga, of Carroll Township. Maternal great-grandmother is Beverly DelRosso, of Monessen. Paternal great-grandmother is Margaret Deutsch, of Sutersville. Noah has two sisters, Sydney Nicole, 7, and Paige Elizabeth, 3.

## MAKING THE GRADE

### Destefano receives degree from WVU



Destefano

Jessica Destefano graduated *magna cum laude with a degree in exercise physiology* from West Virginia University.

A member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, she was named a National Exemplary Scholar in Service.

She was active with the Phi Sigma Theta and Alpha Lambda Delta honor fraternities. She served as vice president of the Zeta Delta Phi social sorority.

She is the daughter of Cheryl and Anthony Destefano, of Monongahela.

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**Another loss in Cincinnati**

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# Valley SPORTS

**Craft of the Week**

This "Lacy Pineapples" tablecloth can be made in half the time of a normal tablecloth. **6B**

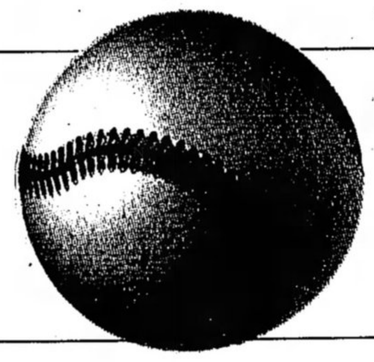


**Sharapova advances**

Returning after a shoulder injury, Maria Sharapova won her first-round match Tuesday at the U.S. Open. **2B**

**Sports Trivia**

Who was the last Pitt running back to be an NFL first-round draft pick? **2B**



**Last night's score**

Philadelphia 1, San Francisco 0
Atlanta 4, Florida 3
Chicago Cubs 4, Houston 1
St. Louis 7, Milwaukee 6
Colorado 8, N.Y. Mets 3
San Diego 4, Washington 1

Brian **HERMAN**

## Williams Monessen's next NFL draft pick?

Thinking out loud:

■ It's been a long time since a Monessen High football player has made the NFL draft.

But if Mick Williams, Pitt's 6-1, 280-pound senior defensive end, has a big season, he could be a good possibility.

In case you're wondering, the last Greyhound to get drafted was Julius Dawkins by Buffalo in the 12th round in 1983.

Since Dawkins, only two area Panthers have made the NFL draft.

Belle Vernon Area's Marlon McIntyre was an eighth rounder by the Los Angeles Rams in 1985, with Ringgold's Vernon Kirk going to the Rams in the ninth round in 1989.

The NFL draft, however, has been trimmed to seven rounds, with 256 college players getting selected in 2009.

■ You'd better believe there's a big difference in Class AAA football between the Big 7 and Keystone conferences.

Belle Vernon Area and Ringgold would both have a shot of advancing to the WPIAL playoffs as members of the Keystone.

Making the post-season from the Big 7, where the Leps and Rams reside, isn't realistic with the likes of Thomas Jefferson, Chartiers Valley, Trinity and Elizabeth Forward as the favorites.

■ Monessen is ninth in the first state football rankings, but staying in the top 10 long won't be easy. The Greyhounds' first two games are at No. 2 Rochester and No. 1 Clairton.

Two other WPIAL schools are ranked ahead of the Greyhounds, with North Catholic fifth and Serra eighth.

■ Eliminating at least one and possibly two NFL preseason games, which is on commissioner Roger Goodell's drawing board these days, couldn't come early enough.

Would you like to pay anywhere from $59 to as much as $240 for a ticket at a Pittsburgh Steelers game to see Piotr Czech, Jason Capizzi, Ramon Foster, Jeremy Parquet, Mike Reilly and Donovan Woods trying to make the team?

■ Shame on Ryan Doumit.

Doumit, the Pittsburgh Pirates' catcher who's in the first year of a three-year extended guaranteed $11.5 million contract, lost a lot of fans after getting benched last week for some of his actions. It also hasn't helped that the Pirates' cleanup hitter is batting only .215.

Speaking of the Pirates, it will be interesting to see how third baseman Neil Walker, the Pine-Richland High School graduate, hits major league pitching after getting called up from the minors yesterday.

■ And thanks to Dr. John Eisley, of Rostraver Township, who says some grin and bear it; others smile and change it!

# Hampton's days numbered?

Casey Hampton

Nose tackle may be heading into his final season with the Steelers.

**By SCOTT BROWN**
*For The Valley Independent*

Casey Hampton reacted to Internet rumors that the Pittsburgh Steelers will release the veteran nose tackle before the start of the regular season.

"Oh, they're going to cut me today?" Hampton said after Tuesday's practice.

If he didn't seem too concerned, neither did inside linebacker James Farrior, who's long benefited from Hampton occupying multiple blockers up front.

"Been nice working with you, dawg," Farrior said, with a laugh, as he left the Steelers' locker room.

Unfortunately for Hampton, Farrior may say something similar to him in the not-so-distant future.

Hampton is one of a handful of starters heading into the final year of his contract, and the Steelers may be finished doing business until after the 2009 season following the signing of defensive end Brett Keisel to a five-year deal Monday.

"If they let me get to free agency, everybody knows what it's going to be," said Hampton, who's made four Pro Bowls. "There ain't nothing to even talk about."

That might be another way of saying that Hampton is out of here if the Steelers don't sign him to a new deal prior to the regular-season opener Sept. 10.

Hampton spouted the same company line that others in his position have said since preseason practice started — sort of.

"I'd be lying if I said it didn't bother me, but that's part of the business," Hampton said. "But I'm not going to worry about it. I'm not going to make a grudge and say, 'I can't understand why they didn't sign me.' I understand it's a business, but being here this long ... I'm not going to lie and say it doesn't bother me because I do want to be here."

**(See HAMPTON, Page 3B)**

## Timmons may miss opener

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker Lawrence Timmons has a high ankle sprain that will keep him out of an exhibition game Thursday against Carolina and possibly the Sept. 10 opener against Tennessee.

Timmons, the Steelers' first-round draft pick in 2007, is replacing Larry Foote at inside linebacker after starting two games at outside linebacker this season. Foote signed with the Lions during the offseason.

Timmons wore a protective boot on his left foot on Tuesday. His injury can sideline a player from several weeks to a month.

"It's pretty safe to say that his health on Sept. 10 is paramount to this point," coach Mike Tomlin said.

Timmons will be replaced by Keyaron Fox, who would also move into the lineup next week if Timmons can't play.

# Cal soccer ready for second year

Coach Adam Obranovich expects improvement after 6 one-goal losses in 2008.

**By BILL HUGHES**
*For The Valley Independent*

Heading into its second year as a program, the California High boys' soccer team seems to have a better feel on what to expect in 2009.

Last year's team lost six one-goal contests in Class A Section 1 and missed the playoffs by a single game.

"Last year's experience can definitely pay off for us because now the team knows what to expect," said California coach Adam Obranovich. "It is going to be different this year because we know what to expect."

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> California coach Adam Obranovich

The Trojans return five starters in senior forward Andrew Anderson, senior all-section center midfielder Brian Davis, senior stopper Bobby Malmgren, senior outside defender Nick Wohar and sophomore center midfielder Skyler Boehm.

Obranovich is leaning on the four senior returning starters for leadership.

"We had off-season conditioning all winter and the seniors led the way," he said. "They also held what I call 'captain practices' where they got the team together on their own and had practices.

"They met several times each week."

The other starters include senior defender Shawn Turner, junior forward Amanda Tresser and four sophomores: sweeper Patrick Tunney, goalie William Little and outside midfielders Naz Victoria and Jake Evans.

The four reserves will be senior forward Taylor Kudlick, sophomore midfielder Breanna Lincoski, freshman midfielder Jacob Angelo and freshman forward Evan Patterson.

Obranovich is realistic about the team.

"We aren't the most skillful group of kids, but if they stick together we can get through it," he said. "This is the second year and now the kids have their feet wet and were a game out of the playoffs. This year, we are pushing for a playoff berth."

Greensburg Central Catholic and Trinity Christian are considered the two favorites.

Is a playoff berth obtainable this year?

"Things are going forward and we were so close last year,"Obranovich said. "One goal in any of a handful of games last year would have gotten us into the playoffs."

The Trojans open Saturday at the Monessen Labor Day Kickoff

# Paterno can't wait to return to Penn State's sidelines

82-year-old coach spent much of last season in the press box.

**By GENARO C. ARMAS**
*AP Sports Writer*

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Joe Paterno will start another milestone season where he's spent most of the past six decades: on the Penn State sideline.

The 82-year-old Hall-of-Fame coach has said all offseason that he'll return to the field following surgery last November to fix a balky hip that kept him in the press box for most of the 2008 season.

He's on target with four days to go until the No. 9 Nittany Lions' season opener against Akron — just don't expect him to bolt out of the Beaver Stadium tunnel.

"I don't know whether I'll be able to run on the field. I'm trying to do a little jogging out there on the practice field, but (doctors) get a little nervous sometimes because they still want me to be careful about the hip," Paterno said Tuesday.

Everything else OK, though?

"I've had absolutely no problems, going out there, going from drill to drill," he added. "I'm looking forward to getting back on the sideline."

And so starts Paterno's 60th season at Penn State — the first 16 as an assistant, the next 44 as the head coach.

Few seasons matched the hoopla that surrounded JoePa to start 2008.

His contract was expiring. In September, his hip started giving him trouble after he tried to demonstrate an onside kick in practice. The problem got worse as the season progressed, relegating Paterno to the press box.

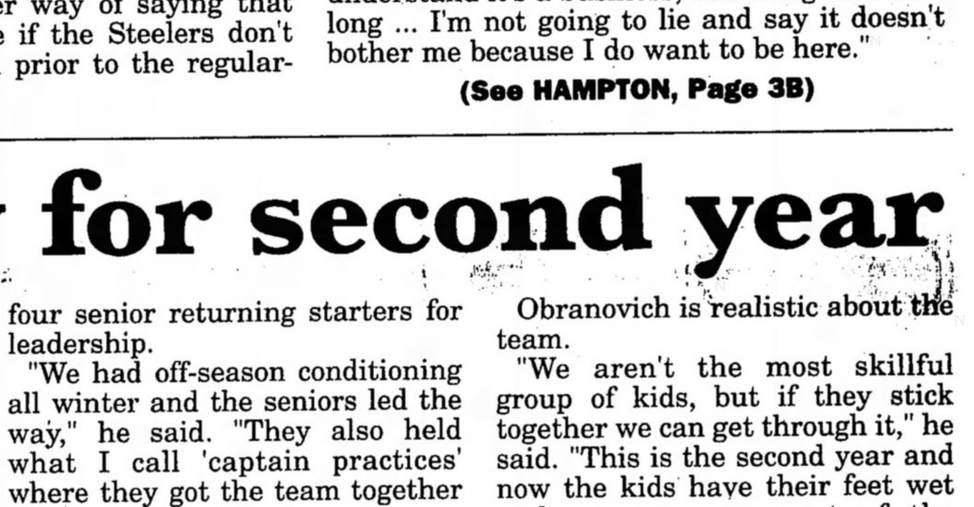
"I enjoyed it upstairs. That was kind of fun. I could second-guess the coaches all the time," joked Paterno.

The rumor mill churned — was this the end of the road for Paterno?

It was Paterno smiling by the end of the regular season, with a Big Ten title in hand. Within weeks he had his hip surgery and a three-year contract extension.

Now the only drama in Happy Valley is on the field.

"I feel much better about everything, so I'm relieved about where I am physically, and hopefully it won't be 'Paterno's doing this, Paterno's doing that,'" he said. "We can concentrate on our football team."



Associated Press

**Penn State head football coach Joe Paterno answers a question during his weekly news conference Tuesday.**

The injuries of most concern now are happening on defense.

Paterno said Tuesday that backup defensive tackle Brandon Ware, a 341-pound redshirt freshman, would be out for three to four weeks after breaking his right foot in practice Monday.

Ware's loss, along with the offseason departure of another tackle, junior Abe Koroma, presents another hit to Penn State's depth in the middle. The starting spots still remain in the capable hands of senior Jared Odrick, a potential All-American, and junior Ollie Ogbu.

Penn State already lost backup defensive end Pete Massaro and linebacker Michael Mauti to season-ending knee injuries. Mauti's loss is especially a blow, as Paterno said he was close to star linebackers Sean Lee and Navorro Bowman in talent.

"I just told him to try to look at this in the long run, look at yourself at the beginning of (next) summer ... when the ACL is no longer an issue," said Lee, who is coming back from a knee injury himself. "Stay positive because negativity will not get you through this."

Elsewhere on defense, Paterno said cornerback A.J. Wallace may play Saturday against Akron after the coach initially said early in preseason that the senior may

**(See PATERNO, Page 3B)**

SPORTS

# Reds' formula adds up to 11-5 win

## Wladimir Balentien homers as Cincinnati pounds Pirates.

CINCINNATI (AP) — Six innings from his injured starting pitcher, a bullpen-saving three more from one reliever and 11 runs from his offense.

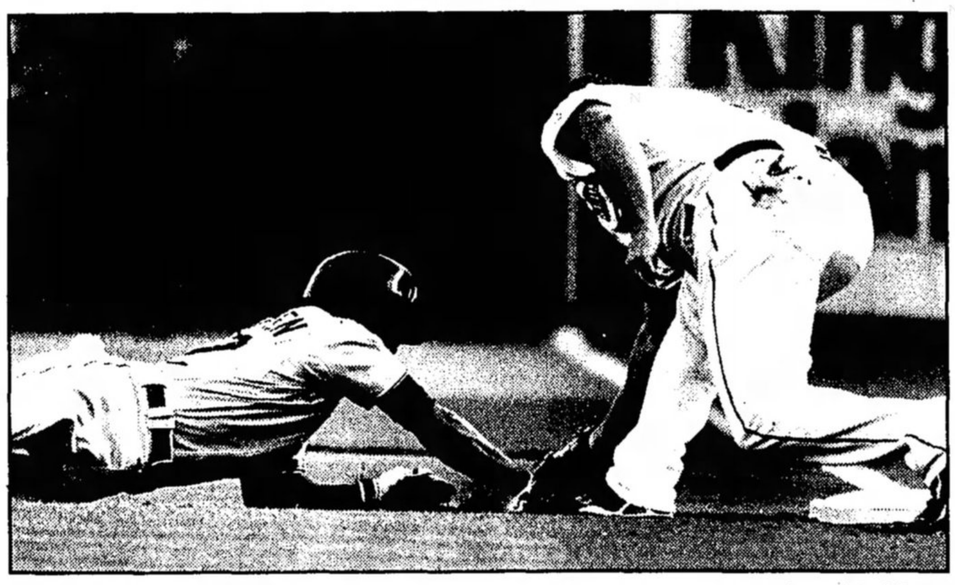
For Cincinnati manager Dusty Baker, that added up to a perfect night.

Craig Tatum drove in four runs to double his previous career total and Justin Lehr overcame a sore groin and control problems as Baker's Reds sent the Pittsburgh Pirates to their sixth consecutive loss, 11-5 on Tuesday night.

"That was a perfect night in a whole lot of ways," Baker said. "We needed to score some runs. We needed a good pitching performance. We got a couple of big double plays. That was a perfect night."

Pittsburgh is four defeats shy of becoming the first major American professional team to string together 17 straight losing seasons. Cincinnati has won three straight and eight of 10.

Wladimir Balentien hit a two-run homer, Jonny Gomes had three hits and Paul Janish and Kevin Barker also drove in two runs each as the Reds reached double figures in runs for the third time this season and scored their most since setting a season high in a 13-5 win May 11 at Arizona.



Associated Press

**Andrew McCutchen, left, gets picked off at first base by Cincinnati's Kevin Barker in the first inning Tuesday.**

Lehr (4-1) lasted six innings despite hurting his groin on the second pitch of the game. He finished with five walks, one short of the six he allowed in his first career start July 31. He also gave up six hits and four runs with two strikeouts.

"He battled," said Tatum, Cincinnati's catcher. "He didn't use it as a crutch."

The pain came and went, Lehr said.

"I didn't think it was bad enough that I couldn't keep making pitches," he said. "It felt good at times, and I was able to get into a rhythm."

Micah Owings allowed one run over the final three innings for the first save of his five-year professional career. That gave Baker the opportunity to rest relievers such as Arthur Rhodes and Nick Masset, who pitched in both games of Monday's day-night doubleheader sweep of the Pirates.

For the second consecutive game, the Reds sent nine batters to the plate in the first inning. They scored four runs on Tuesday, one more than in the first inning of Monday's second game. Barker and Gomes each had RBI singles before Tatum grounded a two-run single up the middle with the bases loaded.

Garret Jones, who went into the game leading major league rookies with 16 home runs, hit his 17th with Andrew McCutchen on base in the third.

The Reds got one of those runs back in the bottom half when Gomes scored from third on Tatum's groundout.

The Pirates cut Cincinnati's lead to one in the fourth on pitcher Charlie Morton's RBI single and McCutchen's bases-loaded walk, his third free pass in the first four innings.

Tatum drove in Gomes from second with a two-out single in the fifth.

"I needed this," Tatum said. "I've been working hard on staying through the ball. I'd been hitting a lot of popups — getting under the ball. If you hit the ball on the ground, you can make something happen."

McCutchen added his fourth walk in the ninth, tying Pittsburgh's single-game season high.

Morton (3-7) matched his season high by issuing four walks. He also allowed nine hits and six runs in five innings for the last-place Pirates.

"I didn't make pitches when I needed to," Morton said. "I kept falling behind, and it kind of snowballed. After the first inning I had to keep throwing zeros, and I didn't do that. It was one of those nights. It was hard to find a rhythm."

Morton's rough start was one of too many seen by manager John Russell on what has become an 0-5 road trip after a 7-2 homestand.

"On the homestand, they all pitched great," Russell said about Pittsburgh's starters. "Then we hit the road. Teams go through streaks like that."

The Reds broke it open against Chris Bootcheck in the sixth on Janish's two-run double and Barker's sacrifice fly. Balentien added his second homer of the season and first in 63 at-bats since Aug. 4 in the seventh off Virgil Vasquez.

**NOTES**: Pittsburgh recalled Vasquez and 3B Neil Walker from Triple-A Indianapolis, the first day major league teams could expand active rosters from 25 to 40 players. Walker was the team's first-round pick and the 11th overall selection in the 2004 draft. He was denied a hit in his first at-bat on a diving stop by 2B Brandon Phillips. ... Reds 1B Joey Votto, mired in a 0-for-15 slump that matched the longest hitless streak of his career, got the night off. ... Morton's RBI was the first of his career in his 38th at-bat. ... Pittsburgh's next home run will be the 10,000th in franchise history.

# Sharapova, Dent win in comebacks

## Russian star missed nearly 10 months with a shoulder injury.

**By EDDIE PELLS**
*AP National Writer*

NEW YORK — They come from opposite ends of the spectrum — one a former champion and current superstar, the other still searching for his big moment.

Both know what it's like to have tennis taken away.

Maria Sharapova and Taylor Dent each made winning returns to the U.S. Open on Tuesday, coming back from injuries that sent them to the sidelines and made them appreciate the game that much more.

The 29th-seeded Sharapova, who missed nearly 10 months with a shoulder injury, defeated Tsvetana Pironkova of Bulgaria 6-3, 6-0 in front of thousands in Arthur Ashe Stadium.

The unseeded Dent, coming back from debilitating back injuries that could have ended his career, upset Feliciano Lopez of Spain 4-6, 7-6 (6), 6-3, 7-5 in front of hundreds on Court 11.

"I was told by the doctors that this was not realistic," said Dent, ranked 195th in the world.

But after his first win at a Grand Slam tournament since 2005, an upset over a player ranked 158 spots higher than him, anything seems possible — for one day, at least.

"The only word to describe it is 'elation,'" said Dent, who was bedridden two years ago, in need of delicate operations to heal broken vertebra.

Sharapova's injury wasn't nearly as dire, but she needed surgery for a torn rotator cuff and now finds herself an underdog in a sport she owned not so long ago.

She is a three-time Grand Slam tournament winner, the 2006 champion at Flushing Meadows and, counting endorsements, the highest-grossing female athlete in the world.

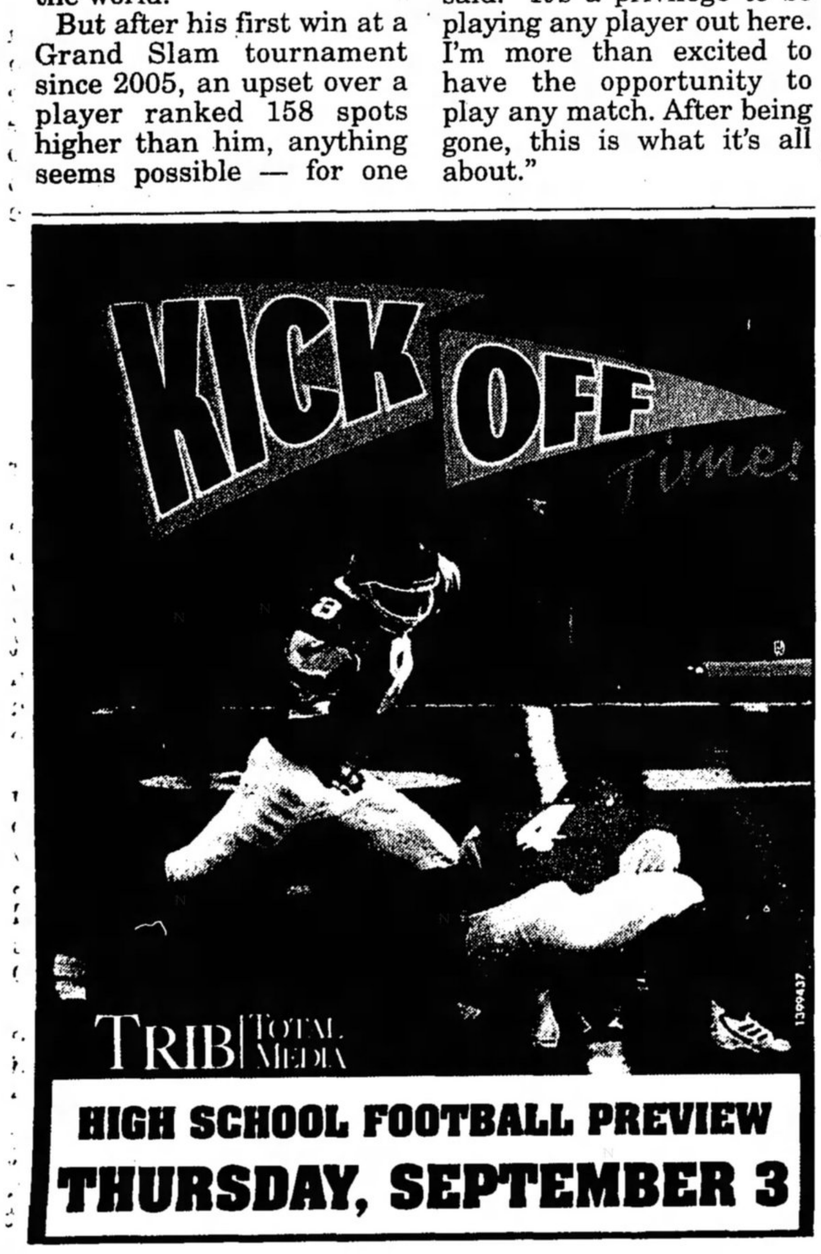
Not surprisingly, she made a fashion statement for her return to the spotlight, wearing a silver-and-black dress that she said was a tribute to the New York City skyline.

"It's inspired by the architecture of New York — the silver, the glitz," she said.

Her play was every bit as sparkly and she won her match easily, finishing with 29 winners compared to only six for Pironkova.

There was no taking this match, or this opponent, lightly, even if Pironkova was ranked only 98th.

"This is a Grand Slam. You've got to get going from the first match," Sharapova said. "It's a privilege to be playing any player out here. I'm more than excited to have the opportunity to play any match. After being gone, this is what it's all about."




# Pitt trying out freshmen runners

## Lewis, Graham being counted on to replace LaSean McCoy.

**By ALAN ROBINSON**
*AP Sports Writer*

PITTSBURGH — Pitt didn't give LeSean McCoy a redshirt season or transition time to make the adjustment from prep school to major college football. Instead they gave him the ball, and gave it to him a lot.

Much like the Panthers apparently plan to give it to Dion Lewis and Ray Graham.

One of the unanswered questions about the Big East Conference football season is whether the Panthers can begin to make up for all the yardage they lost when their most proficient underclassman running back since Tony Dorsett turned pro after only two seasons. McCoy now plays for the Philadelphia Eagles.

Here's what the Panthers are missing without McCoy as they go into Saturday's opener against Youngstown State: 1,488 yards rushing and 21 touchdowns from last season, 2,816 yards rushing and 36 touchdowns from the last two seasons. That's the equivalent of a 100-yard game every week for nearly 2 1/2 seasons, plus a touchdown once a game for three seasons.

McCoy produced without the benefit of any time to get adjusted to the college game; he was playing when he pulled on a uniform. Or much like Lewis and Graham will be asked to do, now that the Panthers must replace McCoy and his backup, LaRod Stephens-Howling.

Lewis had a slight advantage: He enrolled at Pitt in January, only a few weeks after he averaged 14.1 yards per carry and gained 1,243 yards last season at Blair Academy in New Jersey. While the 5-foot-8, 195-pound Lewis has gone through spring ball and summer camp, he has yet to experience a college season.

Neither has the 5-9, 185-pound Graham, who will back up Lewis after also starring in New Jersey last season. Graham ran for 1,592 yards and averaged 9 yards per carry at Elizabeth High, but that wasn't against Notre Dame or West Virginia.

It's a lot to ask of two freshmen who haven't redshirted, but Pitt coach Dave Wannstedt had little choice.

"You would like not to be in that scenario but, at the same time, these two kids came out of camp and had the most productive camps," Wannstedt said. "You want to play the best players that give you the best chance to win."

Lewis was favored to start going into camp, but Graham was behind redshirt freshman Chris Burns, who had an excellent camp a year ago, and sophomore Shariff Harris. But Harris drew a two-week suspension during camp for disciplinary reasons, and Graham outran Burns.

Of course, that was in practice. McCoy proved as a freshman he could do it in games.

"Now there's a crowd and now there's the band, and it's for real," Wannstedt said. "There is no easy way of going through that without just doing it."

Getting production out of Lewis and Graham is essential to Pitt, if only because senior quarterback Bill Stull didn't show during camp that he is capable of sustaining an offense with his throwing. During the final scrimmage of camp, he passed for only 3 yards, while Graham ran for 128 yards on 14 carries.

"He has shown us why we recruited him," running backs coach David Walker said of Graham. "He makes people miss. Toughness. We're pleased with Ray's performance."

## SPORTS HISTORY

**30 Years Ago**

Matt Bahr's 41-yard field goal 5:10 into overtime gave the Pittsburgh Steelers a 16-13 exhibition win over the New England Patriots.

**20 Years Ago**

Ramont Small ran for 135 yards on five carries and scored two touchdowns and Anthony Peterson added 106 yards including a 61-yard TD run in Ringgold's season opening 39-10 home romp over Derry.

Sophomore Darrell Harding ran for 129 yards and scored a touchdown in Charleroi's 14-6 win over Monessen.

California was a 17-7 loser to Beth-Center in Jeff Weaver's coaching debut.

**10 Years Ago**

Mario Lemieux, whose ownership group was set to take over the Pittsburgh Penguins, said he would cut ticket prices immediately if the team emerged from the protection of U.S. Bankruptcy Court as expected.

Pittsburgh Pirates Hall of Famer Willie Stargell was undergoing treatment for an undisclosed serious health problem.

## SPORTS DIGEST

### Monessen ticket sale Thursday

Monessen High football season tickets will be sold Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria and from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Stadium pressbox during a community pep rally.

Tickets are $16 for adults and $8 for senior citizens.

### Pitt Mon Valley Panthers to meet

The Pitt Mon Valley Panther Club will hold its first meeting of the season Thursday at the Ponderosa Restaurant in Rostraver Township.

Dinner will be at 7 p.m. with the program at 8 p.m. featuring a Pitt representative.

### Alabama gridder out of hospital

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Alabama defensive end Brandon Deaderick was released from the hospital after being shot in the arm during a robbery attempt at an off-campus apartment.

Diane Carroll, a nursing supervisor at DCH Regional Medical Center said the 6-foot-4, 306-pound senior from Elizabethtown, Ky., was released sometime during the day.

Capt. Greg Kosloff, a spokesman for the Tuscaloosa Police Department, said the player was in an apartment parking lot with a female acquaintance about 10 p.m. Monday when he was approached by a lone man wearing dark clothes, a dark ball cap and a blue bandanna over his face.

Police Chief Steve Anderson told the Tuscaloosa News the gunman told Deaderick to "Give it up." When Deaderick refused, the assailant opened fire and ran away.

### Rubio changes mind, staying in Spain

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — After saying all summer long that his preference was to play in the NBA, Ricky Rubio apparently got a case of cold feet at the last minute.

Less than 48 hours after the Timberwolves, Rubio's agents and the Spanish team DKV Joventut agreed in principle on a deal to bring the 18-year-old point guard to Minnesota, Rubio changed his mind.

He told Timberwolves president David Kahn on Monday night that he wanted to stay in Spain for the next two years to better prepare for life in the NBA — a blow to a team that was hoping to have the popular passer on the court this fall.

The Timberwolves drafted Rubio fifth overall in June, even though he was still under contract with DKV Joventut in a deal that included a $8.1 million buyout clause.

### Hearing set for Coyotes

PHOENIX (AP) — The Phoenix Coyotes saga seems to be stumbling toward some sort of conclusion, and the lead character in the twisted drama finally is scheduled to make an appearance.

After almost four months of legal wrangling and nearly 900 court filings, a hearing is scheduled in U.S. Bankruptcy Court today to argue most of the sticky issues still facing Judge Redfield T. Baum.

For the first time, Canadian billionaire James Balsillie will be in the courtroom, according to a filing by PSE, the company he formed to pursue the Coyotes. Balsillie wants to buy the team with the intention of moving it to Canada.

### Trivia answer

Craig Heyward by New Orleans in 1988.

# SPORTS

## Major League Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE

| East Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Philadelphia | 76 | 53 | .589 | — |
| Atlanta | 70 | 62 | .530 | 7 1/2 |
| Florida | 68 | 64 | .515 | 9 1/2 |
| New York | 59 | 73 | .447 | 18 1/2 |
| Washington | 46 | 87 | .346 | 32 |

| Central Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. Louis | 78 | 55 | .586 | — |
| Chicago | 66 | 64 | .508 | 10 1/2 |
| Milwaukee | 64 | 67 | .489 | 13 |
| Houston | 63 | 69 | .477 | 14 1/2 |
| Cincinnati | 59 | 73 | .447 | 18 1/2 |
| Pittsburgh | 53 | 78 | .405 | 24 |

| West Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Los Angeles | 79 | 54 | .594 | — |
| Colorado | 73 | 59 | .553 | 5 1/2 |
| San Francisco | 72 | 60 | .545 | 6 1/2 |
| Arizona | 60 | 73 | .451 | 19 |
| San Diego | 58 | 76 | .433 | 21 1/2 |

**Tuesday's Games**

Philadelphia 1, San Francisco 0
Atlanta 4, Florida 3
Cincinnati 11, Pittsburgh 5
Chicago Cubs 4, Houston 1
St. Louis 7, Milwaukee 6
Colorado 8, N.Y. Mets 3
San Diego 4, Washington 1
L.A. Dodgers 4, Arizona 3

**Today's Games**

Pittsburgh (Duke 10-12) at Cincinnati (H.Bailey 4-4), 12:35 p.m.
Houston (F.Paulino 2-6) at Chicago Cubs (Lilly 9-8), 2:20 p.m.
Washington (Lannan 8-9) at San Diego (Correia 9-10), 3:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Penny 0-0) at Philadelphia (Happ 10-3), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (J.Vazquez 11-9) at Florida (VandenHurk 2-2), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Bush 3-5) at St. Louis (C.Carpenter 14-3), 8:15 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Redding 2-4) at Colorado (Jimenez 12-10), 8:40 p.m.
Arizona (Scherzer 8-8) at L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 12-8), 10:10 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

| East Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 84 | 48 | .636 | — |
| Boston | 77 | 54 | .588 | 6 1/2 |
| Tampa Bay | 71 | 60 | .542 | 12 1/2 |
| Toronto | 59 | 72 | .450 | 24 1/2 |
| Baltimore | 54 | 79 | .406 | 30 1/2 |

| Central Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Detroit | 70 | 61 | .534 | — |
| Minnesota | 67 | 65 | .508 | 3 1/2 |
| Chicago | 64 | 69 | .481 | 7 |
| Cleveland | 58 | 73 | .443 | 12 |
| Kansas City | 51 | 81 | .386 | 19 1/2 |

| West Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Los Angeles | 78 | 53 | .595 | — |
| Texas | 74 | 58 | .561 | 4 1/2 |
| Seattle | 69 | 64 | .519 | 10 |
| Oakland | 58 | 74 | .439 | 20 1/2 |

**Tuesday's Games**

Texas 5, Toronto 2, 1st game
Detroit 8, Cleveland 5
N.Y. Yankees 9, Baltimore 6
Boston 8, Tampa Bay 4
Minnesota 4, Chicago White Sox 3
Texas 5, Toronto 2, 2nd game
Kansas City 4, Oakland 3
Seattle 2, L.A. Angels 1

**Today's Games**

Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 11-7) at Minnesota (Duensing 2-1), 1:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Bannister 7-11) at Oakland (Cahill 7-12), 3:35 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Kazmir 8-7) at Seattle (F.Hernandez 13-5), 6:40 p.m.
Cleveland (Laffey 7-3) at Detroit (Porcello 11-8), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 15-7) at Baltimore (Berken 4-11), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Beckett 14-5) at Tampa Bay (Garza 7-9), 7:08 p.m.
Toronto (Richmond 6-7) at Texas (Tom.Hunter 6-3), 8:05 p.m.

## Pirates boxscore

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| DlwYn 2b | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | Janish ss | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| GJones rf | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | BPhllps 2b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Doumit c | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Barker 1b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Pearce 1b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rolen 3b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Milledg lf | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | ARosls ph-3b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| AnLRc 3b | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Gomes rf | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Cedeno ss | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Balentn lf | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Morton p | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | Tatum c | 4 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| NWalkr ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Lehr p | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Btchck p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sutton ph | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| VVasqz p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Owings p | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Capps p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| L.Cruz ph | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | | | |
| Totals | 33 | 5 | 10 | 4 | Totals | 34 | 11 | 14 | 11 |

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| Pittsburgh | 002 | 200 | 001 | — 5 |
| Cincinnati | 401 | 013 | 20x | — 11 |

E—Bootcheck (1). DP—Pittsburgh 1, Cincinnati 3. LOB—Pittsburgh 8, Cincinnati 6. 2B—Janish (11), B.Phillips (24), Gomes (11). HR—G.Jones (17), Balentien (2). SB—Gomes (3). SF—Barker.

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Pittsburgh** | | | | | | |
| Morton L,3-7 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 1 |
| Bootcheck | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| V.Vasquez | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Capps | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Cincinnati** | | | | | | |
| Lehr W,4-1 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 2 |
| Owings S,1-1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |

HBP—by Morton (Janish).
Umpires—Home, Dan Iassogna; First, Angel Campos; Second, Sam Holbrook; Third, Rick Reed.
T—2:56. A—10,304 (42,319).

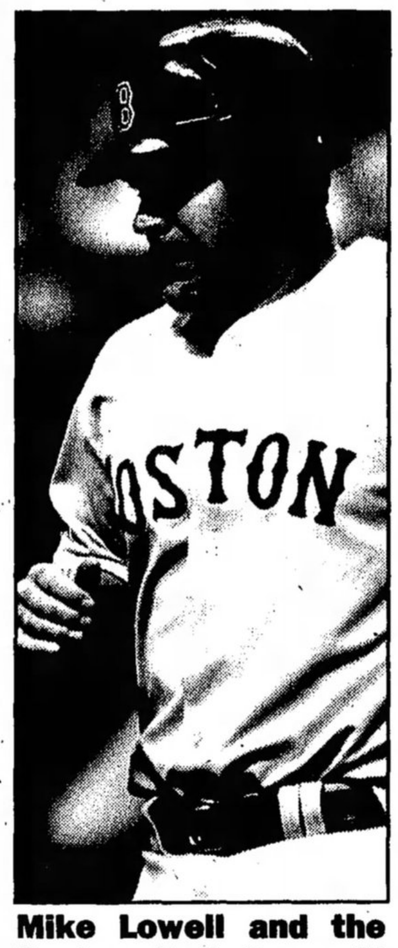
## NFL pre-season schedule

**Thursday, Sept. 3**

Detroit at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets, 7 p.m.
Baltimore at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Indianapolis at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Jacksonville, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Green Bay at Tennessee, 8 p.m.
Kansas City at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Miami at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 8 p.m.
Arizona at Denver, 9 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 10 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 4**

Houston at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
San Francisco at San Diego, 10 p.m.



**Mike Lowell and the Boston Red Sox will face Tampa Bay at 7:05 p.m. on ESPN.**

## Sports dial

**Today**

**Television**

1 p.m. - ESPN2 - U.S. Open, tennis.
1:05 p.m. - WGN - Chicago White Sox at Minnesota, baseball.
7 p.m. - ESPN2 - U.S. Open, tennis.
7:05 p.m. - ESPN - Boston at Tampa Bay, baseball.
10:05 p.m. - ESPN - Arizona at Los Angeles Dodgers, baseball.

**Radio**

12:35 p.m. - WPGB (104.7 FM) - Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, baseball.
7:05 p.m. - WJPA (95.3 FM) - Kalamazoo at Washington Wild Things, baseball.

## Latest Line

**BEST BET:** Cleveland is 2-5 in Aaron Laffey's last 7 road starts vs. a team with a winning record. The Indians are also 3-8 the last 11 games in this series and 16-35 in their last 51 during game 2 of a series. Detroit is 35-17 its last 52 home games. The Tigers have won 14 out of the last 20 games Rick Porcello has started. Take Detroit over Cleveland for another Best Bet winner.

**NFL**

| Favorite | Odds | Underdog |
|---|---|---|
| **Thursday, Sept 3** | | |
| **Preseason Week Four** | | |
| BUFFALO | 3 (33) | Detroit |
| NY JETS | 2 1/2 (36) | Philadelphia |
| NY Giants | 3 (35) | N. England |
| J'VILLE | 5 1/2 (34) | Washington |
| ATLANTA | 2 1/2 (35) | Baltimore |
| CINCINNATI | 4 (35) | Indianapolis |
| CAROLINA | 3 (34) | Pittsburgh |
| CHICAGO | 2 1/2 (36) | Cleveland |
| N. ORLEANS | 3 (36) | Miami |
| TENNESSEE | 3 1/2 (37) | Green Bay |
| Kansas City | 1 (36) | ST. LOUIS- |
| DENVER | OFF (XX) | Arizona |
| SEATTLE | 3 (37) | Oakland |
| **Friday, Sept 4** | | |
| TAMPA BAY | 3 (34) | Houston |
| MINNESOTA | 3 (37) | Dallas |
| SAN DIEGO | 4 1/2 (37) | San Fran. |

**College Football**

| Favorite | Odds | Underdog |
|---|---|---|
| **Thursday, Sept 3** | | |
| NC ST | 4 1/2 (46) | S. Carolina |
| UTAH | 20 1/2(52) | Utah State |
| BOISE STATE | 4 1/2 (64) | Oregon |
| Troy | 7 (56) | B. GREEN |
| BALL STATE | 16 (59) | North Texas |
| **Friday, Sept 4** | | |
| Tulsa | 13 1/2(64) | TULANE |
| **Saturday, Sept 5** | | |
| OHIO STATE | 21 | Navy |
| PENN STATE | 27 | Akron |
| MICHIGAN | 13 | W. Michigan |
| Connecticut | 4 | OHIO |
| NOTRE DAME | 14 | Nevada |
| OKLA. STATE | 5 1/2 | Georgia |
| a-Kentucky | 15 | Miami-Ohio |
| b-Oklahoma | 22 | Byu |
| c-Illinois | 7 | Missouri |
| ALA-BIRM. | 5 1/2 | Rice |
| WAKE FOREST | 2 | Baylor |
| Minnesota | 7 | SYRACUSE |
| E. MICHIGAN | 5 1/2 | Army |
| WISCONSIN | 16 1/2 | N. Illinois |
| PURDUE | 11 | Toledo |
| Stanford | 16 1/2 | WASH. ST |
| AUBURN | 13 1/2 | Louisiana Tech |
| TEXAS A&M | 14 1/2 | New Mexico |
| d-Alabama | 6 1/2 | Virginia Tech |
| NEW MEX. ST | 3 | Idaho |
| TEX. EL PASO | 8 | Buffalo |
| CALIFORNIA | 21 1/2 | Maryland |
| SO. CAL | 34 | San Jose St |
| ARIZONA | 14 | Central Michigan |
| UCLA | 19 | San Diego St |
| Lsu | 17 1/2 | WASHINGTON |
| NEBRASKA | 23 | Florida Atlantic |
| CLEMSON | 19 1/2 | Middle Tenn St |
| TEXAS | 41 | La-Monroe |
| TENNESSEE | 29 1/2 | W. Kentucky |
| **Sunday, Sept 6** | | |
| Mississippi | 16 1/2 | MEMPHIS |
| COLORADO | 11 | Colorado St |
| **Monday, Sept 7** | | |
| RUTGERS | 6 | Cincinnati |
| FLORIDA ST | 6 | Miami-Florida |

a-at Cincinnati, OH.
b-at Arlington, TX.
c-at St. Louis, MO.
d-at Georgia Dome

**Baseball**

| Favorite | Odds | Underdog |
|---|---|---|
| **National League** | | |
| CINCINNATI | 5 1/2-6 1/2 | Pittsburgh |
| CHICAGO | 10-11 | Houston |
| SAN DIEGO | 6-7 | Washington |
| PHILADELPHIA | 8 1/2-9 1/2 | San Fran |
| Atlanta | 6 1/2-7 1/2 | FLORIDA |
| ST. LOUIS | 11-13 | Milwaukee |
| COLORADO | 11-13 | NY Mets |
| LA DODGERS | 7 1/2-8 1/2 | Arizona |
| **American League** | | |
| Chi White Sox | Even-6 | MINNESOTA |
| OAKLAND | 7 1/2-8 1/2 | Kan. City |
| SEATTLE | 5 1/2-6 1/2 | LA Angels |
| DETROIT | 6 1/2-7 1/2 | Cleveland |
| TAMPA BAY | Even-6 | Boston |
| NY Yankees | 10-11 | BALTIMORE |
| TEXAS | 7 1/2-8 1/2 | Toronto |

HOME TEAM IN CAPS

## Football schedule

**Scholastic**
**Friday**
**Class AA**
**Interstate Conference**

Charleroi at Greensburg Central Catholic
South Allegheny at Brownsville
Jeannette at East Allegheny
McGuffey at Mt. Pleasant
Washington at Waynesburg

***Non-conference***

Ringgold at Peters Township
Laurel Highlands at Belle Vernon Area
Monessen at Rochester
Elizabeth Forward at Yough
California at Frazier
Mapletown at Bentworth
H.D. Woodson (Washington, D.C.) at Thomas Jefferson
Chartiers Valley at West Allegheny
Canon-McMillan at Trinity
West Mifflin at Allderdice.
Albert Gallatin at Wilkinsburg
Derry at Latrobe
Southmoreland at Franklin Regional
Uniontown at Connellsville.
Carmichaels at Fort Cherry
Jefferson-Morgan at Leechburg
West Greene at Chartiers-Houston
Clairton at Laurel
West Greene at Chartiers-Houston
North Catholic at Serra
Geibel at Avella
South Side Beaver at Burgettstown

## High school football rankings

Pennsylvania high school preseason football rankings from the Patriot-News of Harrisburg, with school's district in parentheses, followed by last season's final record and position in last season's final rankings. NR means not ranked.

**CLASS AAAA**

| | Sec. | W-L | Last Wk. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Pittsburgh CC | (7) | 8-3 | NR |
| 2. LaSalle College | (12) | 9-3 | NR |
| 3. McKeesport | (7) | 9-3 | 8 |
| 4. Bishop McDevitt | (3) | 10-3 | NR |
| 5. State College | (6) | 12-1 | 6 |
| 6. Liberty | (11) | 15-1 | 1 |
| 7. Penn Hills | (7) | 8-4 | NR |
| 8. Downingtown West | (1) | 11-2 | NR |
| 9. North Penn | (1) | 14-1 | 4 |
| 10. Woodland Hills | (7) | 14-1 | 3 |

**Honorable mention**

Central York (3) 10-2, Cumberland Valley (3) 12-2, Gateway (7) 12-1, George Washington (12) 10-2, McDowell (10) 8-4, Neshaminy (1) 12-2, Pennsbury (1) 9-3, St. Josephs Prep (12) 8-4.

**CLASS AAA**

| | Sec. | W-L | Last Wk. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Thomas Jefferson | (7) | 15-1 | 1 |
| 2. Selinsgrove | (4) | 13-2 | 4 |
| 3. Wilson Area | (11) | 12-1 | 8 |
| 4. Cathedral Prep | (10) | 7-5 | NR |
| 5. Manheim Central | (3) | 11-3 | 10 |
| 6. Abington Heights | (2) | 10-2 | NR |
| 7. Hopewell | (7) | 8-3 | NR |
| 8. Upper Moreland | (1) | 10-2 | NR |
| 9. Pottsgrove | (1) | 10-2 | NR |
| 10. Bayard Rustin | (1) | 12-2 | 9 |

**Honorable mention**

Archbishop Wood (12) 12-3, Blackhawk (7) 11-2, Berwick (2) 11-3, Chartiers Valley (7) 7-3, Trinity (3) 5-5, West York (3) 13-2.

**CLASS AA**

| | Sec. | W-L | Last Wk. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Greensburg CC | (12) | 10-1 | NR |
| 2. Lancaster Catholic | (3) | 13-2 | 4 |
| 3. Wilmington | (10) | 15-1 | 1 |
| 4. Beaver Falls | (7) | 12-1 | 5 |
| 5. Dunmore | (2) | 11-2 | 9 |
| 6. Keystone Oaks | (7) | 8-2 | NR |
| 7. Martinsburg Central | (6) | 12-2 | 8 |
| 8. Montoursville | (4) | 10-3 | NR |
| 9. Aliquippa | (7) | 12-3 | 3 |
| 10. Brockway | (9) | 5-5 | NR |

**Honorable mention**

Jeannette (7) 10-2, Northern Lehigh (11) 4-6, Palisades (11) 9-4, Tyrone (6) 10-2, West catholic (12) 14-2.

**CLASS A**

| | Sec. | W-L | Last Wk. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Clairton | (7) | 15-1 | 3 |
| 2. Rochester | (7) | 10-2 | 10 |
| 3. Farrell | (10) | 12-3 | 5 |
| 4. Bishop McCort | (6) | 12-1 | 8 |
| 5. North Catholic | (7) | 8-3 | NR |
| 6. Steelton-Highspire | (3) | 16-0 | 1 |
| 7. Southern Columbia | (4) | 10-3 | 9 |
| 8. Serra Catholic | (7) | 6-4 | NR |
| 9. Monessen | (7) | 7-4 | NR |
| 10. Portage | (6) | 12-1 | NR |

**Honorable mention**

Bellwood-Antis (6) 10-2, Bloomsburg (4) 8-3, Cameron County (9) 12-2, Schuylkill haven (11) 14-1, Springdale (7) 6-4.

## Frontier League standings

| East Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kalamazoo | 55 | 36 | .604 | — |
| Lake Erie | 53 | 37 | .589 | 2 1/2 |
| Florence | 47 | 44 | .517 | 8 |
| Traverse City | 41 | 50 | .451 | 14 |
| Washington | 41 | 50 | .451 | 15 |
| Midwest | 40 | 52 | .435 | 16 1/2 |

| West Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Southern Illinois | 54 | 37 | .593 | — |
| River City | 52 | 37 | .583 | 1 |
| Windy City | 53 | 38 | .582 | 1 |
| Rockford | 43 | 46 | .483 | 10 |
| Gateway | 37 | 54 | .407 | 17 |
| Evansville | 28 | 63 | .308 | 25 |

**Tuesday's Games**

Rockford 20, Gateway 17
Washington 6, Kalamazoo 5
Lake Erie 5, Florence 1
Midwest 3, Traverse City 1
Southern Illinois 5, Windy City 4
River City 5, Evansville 1

**Today's Games**

Midwest at Traverse City
Kalamazoo at Washington
Lake Erie at Florence
Evansville at River City
Rockford at Gateway
Windy City at Southern Illinois

**Thursday's Games**

Midwest at Traverse City
Kalamazoo at Washington
Lake Erie at Florence
Evansville at River City
Rockford at Gateway
Windy City at Southern Illinois

## Sports moves

**BASEBALL**
**American League**

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Recalled RHP Matt Albers and LHP Alberto Castillo from Norfolk (IL). Activated RHP Dennis Sarfate from the 15-day DL. Purchased the contract of OF Jeff Fiorentino from Norfolk. Transferred LHP Rich Hill to the 60-day DL.

BOSTON RED SOX—Activated C George Kottaras from the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Brian Anderson from Pawtucket (IL) and RHP Junichi Tazawa from the Red Sox (GCL). Purchased the contract of OF Joey Gathright and INF Chris Woodward from Pautucket.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Activated INF Chris Getz and OF Dewayne Wise from the 15-day DL. Recalled INF Josh Fields and RHP Carlos Torres from Charlotte (IL). Purchased the contract of C Tyler Flowers from Charlotte.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Recalled RHP Carlos Carrasco from Columbus (IL). Purchased the contracts of OF Michael Brantley and RHP Jose Veras from Columbus.

DETROIT TIGERS—Activated RHP Jeremy Bonderman from the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Eddie Bonine, RHP Casey Fein, C Dusty Ryan, OF Wilkin Ramirez from Toledo (IL). Purchased the contract of SS Brent Dlugach from Toledo. Placed INF Michael Hollimon on the 60-day DL.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Activated OF Jose Guillen from the 15-day DL.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Sent INF Sean Rodriquez to Tampa Bay as the player to be named, completing the trade of LHP Scott Kazmir. Recalled OF Reggie Willits, C Bobby Wilson, INF Brandon Wood, RHP Sean O'Sullivan and RHP Rich Thompson from Salt Lake City (PCL).

MINNESOTA TWINS—Announced cash will be forwarded to Arizona instead of a player to be named to complete the Jon Rauch trade on Aug. 28. Recalled 3B Brian Buscher from Rochester (IL).

NEW YORK YANKEES—Recalled C Francisco Cervelli, LHP Michael Dunn, RHP Mark Melancon, INF Ramiro Pena, and RHP Edwar Ramirez from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Recalled LHP Jerry Blevins and LHP Dana Eveland from Sacramento (PCL). Purchased the contract of LHP Brad Kilby from Sacramento.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Announced the resignation of vice president and associate general manager Lee Pelekoudas. Activated 3B Adrian Beltre from the 15-day DL. Recalled 1B Mike Carp and LHP Jason Vargas from Tacoma (PCL).

TAMPA BAY RAYS—Recalled RHP Andy Sonnanstine, C Shawn Riggans, OF Fernando Perez and RHP Jeff Bennett from Durham (IL).

TEXAS RANGERS—Activated INF Esteban German and LHP Eddie Guardado from the 15-day DL and RHP Brandon McCarthy from the 60-day DL. Recalled RHP Warner Magrigal and RHP Guillermo Moscoso from Oklahoma City (PCL). Purchased the contracts of OF Craig Gentry from Frisco (Texas) and C Kevin Richardson from Oklahoma City (PCL). Recalled OF Brandon Boggs from Oklahoma City and placed him on the 60-day DL. Designated RHP Thomas Diamond for assignment.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Recalled INF Joe Inglett, RHP Brian Wolfe and RHP Dirk Hayhurst from Las Vegas (PCL).

**National League**

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Claimed RHP Kevin Mulvey off waivers from Minnesota for cash considerations.

ATLANTA BRAVES—Recalled INF Brooks Conrad, C Clint Sammons and RHP Luis Valdez from Gwinnett (IL).

CHICAGO CUBS—Activated INF Andres Blanco from the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Justin Berg and INF-OF Micah Hoffpauir from Iowa (PCL).

COLORADO ROCKIES—Recalled RHP Joel Peralta and LHP Randy Flores from Colorado Springs (PCL). Purchased the contracts of INF Jason Giambi and C Paul Phillips from Colorado Springs. Placed RHP Greg Reynolds and LHP Greg Smith on the 60-day DL.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Designated RHP Luis Ayala for assignment. Recalled OF Cameron Maybin, C Brett Hayes and RHP Rick VandenHurk from New Orleans (PCL). Activated RHP Burke Badenhop from the 15-day DL.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Activated 3B Aaron Boone from the 60-day DL.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Recalled LHP Scott Elbert, C A.J. Ellis and OF Jason Repko from Albuquerque (PCL).

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Recalled SS J.J. Hardy and RHP Chris Smith from Nashville (PCL).

NEW YORK METS—Activated 3B David Wright from the 15-day DL. Recalled C Josh Thole from Binghamton (EL).

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Recalled LHP Jack Taschner from Lehigh Valley (IL).

**PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Recalled 3B Neil Walker and RHP Virgil Vasquez from Indianapolis (IL).**

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Ryan Franklin on a contract through 2011 and LHP Trever Miller on a contract through 2010.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Activated INF Edgar Gonzalez from the 15-day DL. Recalled C Eliezer Alfonzo from Portland (PCL).

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Purchased the contract of RHP Brad Penny's from Fresno (PCL). Called up RHP Waldis Joaquin, INF Jesus Guzman and OF John Bowker from Fresno. Activated INF Rich Aurilia and INF Andres Torres from the 15-day DL.

**FOOTBALL**
**National Football League**

ATLANTA FALCONS—Released CB Von Hutchins, TE Ben Hartsock and DE Willie Evans.

BALTIMORE RAVENS—Placed CB Samari Rolle on the physically-unable-to-perform list. Released QB Cleo Lemon.

BUFFALO BILLS—Waived OL Chris Denman, LB Solomon Elimimian and WR Shaine Smith. Placed TE Travis McCall, DB Lydell Sargeant and DT Marcus Smith on the waived/injured list. Signed TE Tyson DeVree.

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Acquired DT Louis Leonard from Cleveland for an undisclosed 2010 draft pick. Announced the resignations of president Mark Richardson and Bank of America stadium head Jon Richardson. Waived DT Lonnie Harvey. Placed S Nate Salley on injured reserve.

CHICAGO BEARS—Signed DB Rod Hood to a one-year contract. Released WR Derek Kinder.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Placed OL Ryan Tucker on injured reserve.

DALLAS COWBOYS—Claimed CB DeAngelo Willingham off waivers from Tampa Bay. Signed CB Jeremy Haynes. Released WR Julian Hawkins. Placed LB Brandon Williams on injured reserve.

DENVER BRONCOS—Released TE Jeb Putzier, P Britton Colquitt, C Blake Schlueter and WR C.J. Jones.

DETROIT LIONS—Signed QB Brooks Bollinger. Waived G Terrence Metcalf.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Waived DB back Marcus Paschal.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Waived WR Amani Toomer, DE Alfonso Boone and R Cameron Goldberg. Placed WR Devard Darling on injured reserve. Placed RB Kolby Smith on the physically-unable-to-perform list.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed RB Ricky Williams to a contract extension through 2010.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Releaded K Taylor Mehlhaff, CB Derrick Roberson, RB Antone Smith and G Nick Urban.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Placed RB Andre Brown on injured reserve. Waived TE Lee Vickers and OL Andrew Carnahan.

ST. LOUIS RAMS—Traded CB Tye Hill to Atlanta for a 2010 draft pick. Released TE Joe Klopfenstein, C Daniel Sanders, CB Marcus Brown and WR Jarrett Byers.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Waived QB Damon Huard.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Waived WR Michael Bumpus.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Re-signed DE Jarriett Buie. Claimed Center Jonathan Compas off waivers. Waived DB Marshall McDuffie and G Ryan Schmidt.

TENNESSEE TITANS—Waived RB Rafael Little, WR Dudley Guice, LB Tyson Smith and C Matt Lehr.

**HOCKEY**
***National Hockey League***

NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Signed F Cal OReilly to a two-year contract.

SAN JOSE SHARKS—Re-signed F Torrey Mitchell to a three-year contract, F Brad Staubitz to a one-year contract and C Benn Ferriero to a two-year contract.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Signed LW Alex Tanguay to a one-year contract.

VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Re-signed D Nathan McIver.

**COLLEGE**

ALABAMA—Annnounced the retirement of baseball coach Jim Wells. Named assistant baseball coach Mitch Gaspard baseball coach.

## Area golf

**At Willowbrook**
**Belle Vernon Area - 205**

Bo Lustig, 36; Tyber Lustig, 39; Kyle Naden, 41; Kirby Manown, 42; Tim Moore, 47. Non-count: Sean Molchan, 51.

**Albert Gallatin - 220**

Brandon Yuhaniak and Pat McDonough, 43; Brandon Sutton, 44; Mike Petrun and Caleb Voithofer, 45. Non-count: Mark Barstock, 50.

**At Cedarbrook**
**Ringgold - 237**

Mike Yavorsky, 40; Nick Feld, 47; Connor Kane, 49; Jared Hancock, 50; Colin McCormick, 51. Non-count - Devin DiPiazza, 52.

**Connellsville - 242**

John Leonard, 44; Eric Harrer and Tyler Stillwagon, 47; Luke Giles and Tyler Broadwater, 52. Non-count: Mike McFadden, 66.

**At Pleasant Valley**
**Charleroi - 222**

Eric Anderson, 39; Martin Maytas, 40; Brandon Konek, 42; Kirk Melenyzer, 50; Josh Mathers, 51. Non-count: Derek Sergi, 56.

**Geibel - 231**

Shawn Erdely and Mike Noonan, 44; Ryan Robson an Pat Herbert, 47; Mike Spegar, 49. Non-count: Ryan Lucostic, 52.

**At Foxwood Acres**
**Bentworth - 198**

Clay Roman, 36; Garrett Damich, 39; Kyle Kubovcik, 40; Marco Kochis, 41; Ty Bell, 42.

**Grb. Central - 231**

Erik Francken, 42; Steve Janik, 44; Ryan Queale, 45; Jason Chang, 47; Kevin Hickey, 53.

**At Greene County**
**Jeff-Morgan - 212**

Zach Berkstresser, 40; Josh Kokoska and Alex Rush, 41; Joe DeFrancesco, 44; Brandon Faieta, 46. Non-count: Brendon Edwards, 50.

**California - 217**

Phil Langley, 41; Zac Edmiston and Dominic Roach, 42; David Beck, 46; Tyler Van Olst, 47. Non-count: Nick Roberts, 47.

## WNBA standings

| EASTERN CONFERENCE | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Indiana | 20 | 8 | .714 | — |
| Atlanta | 16 | 14 | .533 | 5 |
| Detroit | 14 | 15 | .483 | 6 1/2 |
| Washington | 14 | 15 | .483 | 6 1/2 |
| Chicago | 14 | 16 | .467 | 7 |
| Connecticut | 14 | 17 | .452 | 7 1/2 |
| New York | 12 | 18 | .400 | 9 |

| WESTERN CONFERENCE | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Phoenix | 20 | 10 | .667 | — |
| Seattle | 19 | 11 | .633 | 1 |
| Los Angeles | 15 | 15 | .500 | 5 |
| San Antonio | 13 | 17 | .433 | 7 |
| Minnesota | 12 | 18 | .400 | 8 |
| Sacramento | 11 | 20 | .355 | 9 1/2 |

**Tuesday's Games**

Seattle 65, New York 58
Detroit 101, Phoenix 99
San Antonio 84, Minnesota 82, 20T
Sacramento 90, Connecticut 70
Atlanta 84, Los Angeles 79

**Today's Games**

Phoenix at Indiana, 7 p.m.

## MLS standings

| EASTERN CONFERENCE | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Columbus | 10 | 4 | 9 | 39 | 34 | 25 |
| Chicago | 10 | 6 | 8 | 38 | 33 | 28 |
| New England | 9 | 6 | 6 | 33 | 26 | 26 |
| D.C. | 7 | 5 | 11 | 32 | 35 | 34 |
| Toronto FC | 8 | 8 | 7 | 31 | 30 | 33 |
| Kansas City | 5 | 10 | 6 | 21 | 20 | 29 |
| New York | 4 | 16 | 4 | 16 | 20 | 41 |

| WESTERN CONFERENCE | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Houston | 11 | 7 | 7 | 40 | 31 | 22 |
| Los Angeles | 9 | 4 | 11 | 38 | 28 | 23 |
| Seattle | 8 | 6 | 10 | 34 | 29 | 23 |
| Colorado | 9 | 7 | 6 | 33 | 35 | 27 |
| Real Salt Lake | 9 | 9 | 6 | 33 | 35 | 27 |
| Chivas USA | 10 | 9 | 3 | 33 | 23 | 24 |
| FC Dallas | 6 | 11 | 5 | 23 | 31 | 35 |
| San Jose | 5 | 12 | 5 | 20 | 27 | 40 |

**Saturday's Games**

Kansas City at New England, 7:30 p.m.
D.C. United at FC Dallas, 8 p.m.
Toronto FC at Colorado, 10 p.m.

# 'Pacman' close to CFL deal

**STEPHEN HAWKINS**
*AP Sports Writer*

Adam "Pacman" Jones is close to returning to pro football — north of the border.

Jones' attorney, Worrick Robinson, said Tuesday he has been in "consistent negotiations" with a CFL team. Robinson told The Associated Press a deal could be completed by the end of the week.

"He's still young and has a lot of playing days ahead of him," Robinson said. "If the CFL deal works out, it will be a good opportunity for him to get back on the field and show what he can do."

The Canadian Press and SI.com reported that Jones would play for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, but Robinson wouldn't confirm with which team he's negotiating.

Jones, who turns 26 at the end of this month, spent last season with the Dallas Cowboys after missing the previous year because of multiple violations of the NFL personal conduct policy.

The cornerback's time with the Cowboys was cut short by six games for another behavior-related suspension, an off-field scuffle with a member of the security detail provided by the team.

# Hampton

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Of course, there's some risk for the Steelers if they choose to sign the 6-foot-1 Hampton, who's listed at 325 pounds, to a long-term deal. He's on the wrong side of 30, and his weight is always going to be a concern.

The risk in not signing him, of course, is trying to find someone to plug into the middle of the Steelers' 3-4 defense. Those players aren't nearly as easy to find as, say, linebackers. His present backup is Chris Hoke.

And Hampton, who turns 32 on Thursday, said he still has plenty of good years left in him.

"Ain't no question in my mind. I know what I'm capable of doing," Hampton said.

"I was banged up all last year, played through it, never complained. I'm feeling real healthy this year, and I feel like when I'm healthy ... we're going to see."

But, he added, his contract situation won't become a distraction or a problem for the Steelers.

"Just trying to win a Super Bowl," Hampton said. "Not trying to be complacent like we were last time. Just trying to show these young guys to work to get back to where we were at."

# Paterno

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need to sit out for a week or two for cutting classes.

Whenever Wallace returns, he'll be a welcome addition to a secondary that's breaking in four new starters — a unit considered one of Penn State's biggest question marks coming into the season.

It's the kind of predicament that Paterno would rather solve than any issue having to do with his health or contract, the kind of problem that Paterno has loved figuring out for 60 years.

"I think eventually we're going to be a pretty good football team, but until we get a couple things better, we're going to have to fight for our lives," Paterno said, "and I kind of like that situation."

# COMICS

**CATHY®** by Cathy Guisewite

I KNOW YOU'RE HUNGRY AND TIRED!
I'M SORRY YOU'RE FEELING SO SAD!
THIS IS NO FUN FOR ME, EITHER!
BUT WE'RE NOT LEAVING UNTIL YOU HAVE SOME NEW FALL CLOTHES... AND YOU CAN START BY PUTTING ON A FRESH ATTITUDE, MISTER!
THEY'RE IMPOSSIBLE TO SHOP FOR AT THIS AGE!!
Pblt!
Pblt!

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I CUT MY FINGER ON YOUR CAT FOOD CAN TODAY
I HOPE YOU APPRECIATE WHAT I GO THROUGH FOR YOU
I HOPE YOU DIDN'T BLEED ON MY FOOD
JIM DAVIS 9-2

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BECAUSE YOU CAN'T HIDE UNDER YOUR BED FOREVER!
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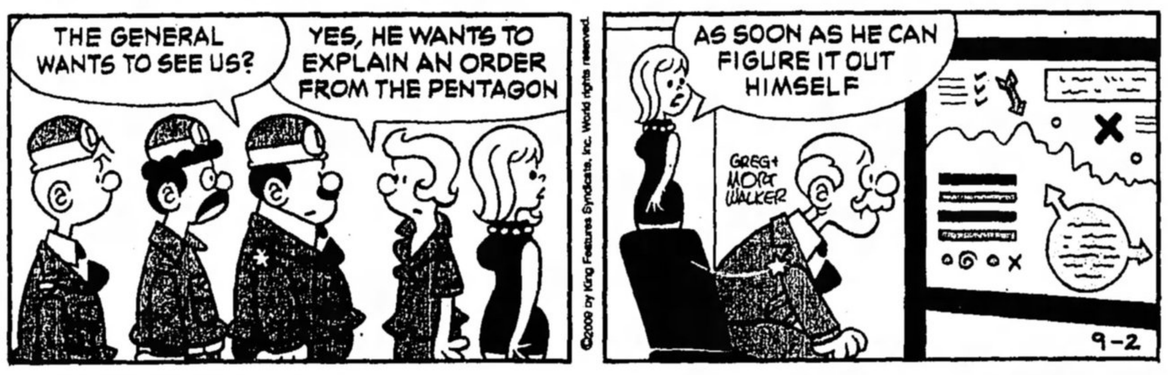
THE GENERAL WANTS TO SEE US?
YES, HE WANTS TO EXPLAIN AN ORDER FROM THE PENTAGON
AS SOON AS HE CAN FIGURE IT OUT HIMSELF
GREG'S MORT WALKER
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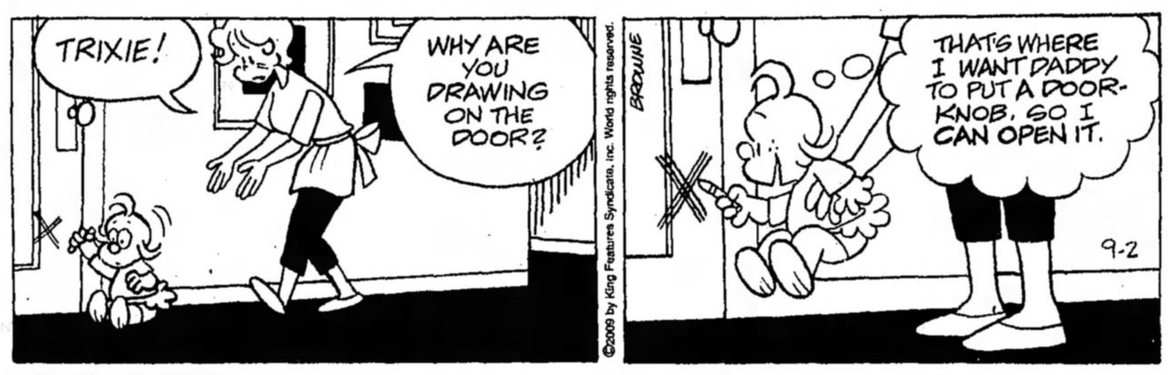
**HI & LOIS®** by Mort Walker and Dick Browne

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I CAN'T SEEM TO GET ALONG WITH PEOPLE.
YOU NEED TO REALIZE THAT YOU ARE YOUR OWN WORST ENEMY!
GREAT—NOW I EVEN HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT OFFENDING MYSELF!
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MR. B., HAVE YOU EVER MADE AN ORANGE MARMALADE AND BOLOGNA SANDWICH ON RYE?
WHOA, ELMO...THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE A VERY TASTY COMBINATION TO ME
MAYBE, MR. B...
BUT... WOULDN'T IT BE SOMETHING IF IT TURNED OUT TO BE A REALLY GREAT SANDWICH?
WE'LL KNOW IN A FEW MINUTES, ELMO!
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**SOUP TO NUTZ™** by Rick Stromoski

I'M THINKING OF MAKING A VIRAL PROMO OF MY WINNING THIS BLUE RIBBON AND PUTTING IT ON THE INTERNETS
9-2
WHO IN THEIR RIGHT MIND WOULD WATCH THAT OR EVEN CARE?
MY LEGIONS OF ADORING FANS, OF COURSE!
YOU HAVE FANS? WHY DO THEY HAVE LESIONS?
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**KIT'N' CARLYLE®** by Larry Wright

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By Bil Keane

"I don't know. I'm only half done."

**BIG NATE®** by Lincolin Peirce

ALL RIGHT, PEOPLE, LET'S BEGIN WITH A QUICK REVIEW!
A REVIEW? OF WHAT?
OF WHAT WE LEARNED LAST YEAR, OF COURSE!
SURELY YOU WEREN'T EXPECTING US TO PRETEND THAT LAST YEAR NEVER HAPPENED! HA HA!
SHE PRETTY MUCH JUST SUMMED UP MY WHOLE EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY.
THAT "HA HA" GAVE ME THE WILLIES.
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MARY, THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT...LET'S GO IN THE OTHER ROOM!
WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S WRONG?
JACK ELROD
MEANWHILE
I WANT TO GO BY AND VISIT AN OLD FRIEND AT FISH AND WILDLIFE, RUSTY!
9-2

# SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

**Conceptis Sudoku** By Dave Green

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**Answer to previous puzzle**

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| 3 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 2 |
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| 8 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 4 |
| 4 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
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| 2 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 3 |

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# THE VALLEY INDEPENDENT Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

1 Be evasive
6 Rascal
11 Inmate's hope
12 Cast member
13 Hang around
14 Eager for company
15 Privileged few
16 Disco dancer (hyph.)
17 Yachting
18 Common sense
19 Wapitis
23 Hot rum drink
25 Broad valley
26 FedEx rival
29 Navajo lodge
32 Family mem.
33 Mgmt. biggie
34 Kukla's friend
35 Dict. entry
36 Entree choice
38 Dangerous March date
40 Sheltered
41 Meet, in poker
42 Mallard cousin
46 In the distance
48 Esteem
49 Noisy fan
52 Desert "lake"
53 Cell parts
54 More sour
55 Positioned
56 Foxier

**DOWN**

1 Grabs a cab
2 A Muppet
3 Bowser's ID (2 wds.)
4 Merriment
5 Constantly, to Poe
6 Plug away
7 Went by water
8 Tar's reply
9 Brooks or Allen
10 Snoop
11 Tearful request
12 Map a course
16 Sillier
18 Fleece
20 Pie crust ingredient
21 Swiss painter Paul —
22 Me
24 Letter after pi
26 Pac-10 team
27 Bell sound
28 Vague amount
30 Candy-striper
31 Bridal notice word
37 Ringo, once
39 Like the night sky
41 Graceful wrap
43 Make very glad
44 Boring tool
45 Wanton look
47 Serve dinner
48 Perfume bottle
49 TLC providers
50 Yes, on the Riviera
51 Fall mo.
52 Natural elevs.

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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| U | S | E | D | ■ | G | R | A | F | ■ | E | C | O |
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| D | E | R | N | ■ | N | O | T | E | ■ | O | D | D |
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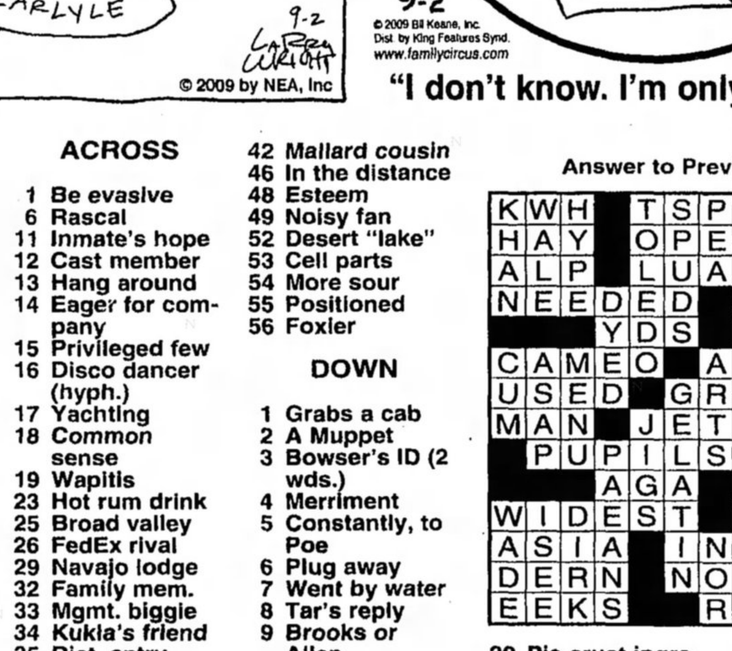

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## TV LISTINGS

# Wife shies away from man's embrace of nudist's lifestyle

Dear **ABBY**

**DEAR ABBY**: My husband, "Adam," and I bought a lovely, secluded home in the country. We have no children, and our nearest neighbor is a half-mile away.

Now it seems like my husband plans to spend the rest of his life in the nude. He loves it and often tells me how "relaxing" it feels. I must admit his temperament has improved.

Please don't get me wrong — I'm not a prude.

But Adam goes for days on end without wearing a stitch unless we're going out or someone is coming over.

He works in the yard, cuts the grass, hikes in our woods naked — and has a head-to-toe golden tan.

I don't mind seeing my husband in the buff. He's clean and well-groomed and nearly as trim as when we first married. (We both are.)

My problem is, Adam is constantly after me to join him.

I admire his nerve, but just can't bring myself to go outdoors with nothing on, despite the privacy. My biggest hang-up is fear of getting caught.

Last month, Adam was mowing the lawn and didn't hear the UPS truck come down our long driveway.

Caught "red-handed," he nonchalantly signed for the package, wished the driver a good day and went back to work.

The driver winked and gave me a thumbs-up as he drove away.

Should I give in to Adam's request and give his nude lifestyle a try?

I know it would mean a lot to him. I told him I'd follow your advice. — **"EVE" IN UPSTATE NEW YORK**

**DEAR "EVE"**: I'm not opposed to it. From everything I have read, and from readers' testimonials, the naturalist lifestyle is healthy and upbeat, so give it a try.

Just be sure to wear sunscreen.

P.S. By December, your problem should no longer be a problem.

**DEAR ABBY**: My friend "Opal" worries me. When it comes to dating, she meets most of her men in bars. They're usually a lot younger than she is. Opal is in her late 50s — her "boyfriends" are 40 or younger.

I have no problem with women dating younger men, Abby, but these are guys who have been in jail and who have had drug problems, emotional issues, etc. Because I am Opal's best pal, I am the person whose shoulder she cries on when these relationships don't work out.

I am tired of always hearing the same old sob story. Sometimes I just want to slap some sense into her.

What should I do when she calls me upset because she has been dumped again?

I've had it, and I don't know what to do. — **APPALLED IN CLEVELAND**

**DEAR APPALLED**: Poor Opal appears to be desperate for companionship and incapable of learning from her mistakes. The next time she calls to cry on your shoulder, give her the wake-up call she needs. Explain that if she's trying to hook a mountain trout, she shouldn't be fishing in a herring barrel. If she takes offense, so be it — because she's looking for love in all the wrong places, and it appears your friendship has pretty much run its course.

**DEAR ABBY**: A single male friend and I have had a running debate about the phrase "I love you, but I am not IN love with you." It came up again with his telling another friend he believes there is a big difference between the two.

I have been married for 20 years, and I told him that all love starts out "in" love and gradually becomes a more meaningful and everlasting love. Can you settle this? — **TIRED OF HEARING IT IN TEXAS**

**DEAR TIRED**: You can love more than one person at a time, but to be IN love with someone implies that you are focused only on that person and want the relationship to be exclusive. Although sometimes that feeling passes, other times it deepens into the emotion that you described.

In other words, when it comes to love there are no absolutes.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING — SEPTEMBER 2, 2009

| | 6PM | 6:30 | 7PM | 7:30 | 8PM | 8:30 | 9PM | 9:30 | 10PM | 10:30 | 11PM | 11:30 | 12AM | 12:30 | 1AM | 1:30 | 2AM | 2:30 |
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| CBS<br>2 KDKA<br>7 WTRF<br>10 WTAJ | 2 KDKA-TV News at Six<br>7 News<br>10 WTAJ News at 6 | 7 10 CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N) | 2 CBS Evening News-Couric<br>7 Entertainment<br>10 Inside | 2 The Insider (N)<br>7 Inside Edition<br>10 Two and a Half Men | The New Adventures of Old Christine "He Ain't Heavy" Losing weight. | CBS Fall Preview Network's new season. (N) | Criminal Minds "Omnivore" BAU agents search for one of the most-notorious serial killers. | | CSI: NY "Greater Good" Mac tries to convince an ex-con to tell the truth. | | 2 KDKA-TV News at 11<br>7 News<br>10 WTAJ News at 11 | (:35) Late Show With David Letterman Jason Bateman; Dr. John P. Holdren. (N) | | (:37) The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Mila Kunis; Alex Dryden. (N) | | 2 (:37) Extra (N)<br>7 10 (:37) Paid Program | 2 (:07) Work From Home<br>7 (:07) Up to the Minute<br>10 (:07) Paid Program | 2 (:37) Paid Program<br>10 (:37) Up to the Minute (N) |
| ABC<br>4 WTAE<br>23 WATM | 4 Ch. 4 Action News at 6<br>23 Insider | ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N) | 4 Inside Edition<br>23 Jeopardy! | 4 Entertainment Tonight<br>23 Wheel of Fortune | Wipeout Contestants face the brush rush, the aqua launch and the buoy run. (N) | | (:02) Crash Course Five teams compete on an extreme driving course to win money. (N) | | (:01) Primetime: Crime | | 4 Ch. 4 Action News at 11<br>23 News | (:35) Nightline (N) | (12:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Emile Hirsch; Amber Valletta. (N) | | 4 (:06) Oprah Winfrey<br>23 (:06) Paid Program | 23 (:37) Paid Program | 4 (:06) Slim in 6<br>23 (:07) Jerry Springer | 4 (:36) Channel 4 Action News at 11 |
| NBC<br>6 WJAC<br>9 WTOV<br>11 WPXI | 6 WJAC-TV News at 6 PM (N)<br>9 News (N)<br>11 Channel 11 News (N) | NBC Nightly News (N) | 6 Entertainment Tonight (N)<br>9 11 Jeopardy! | 6 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire<br>9 11 Wheel of Fortune "Big Splash" | America's Got Talent Highlights from performances. (N) | | America's Got Talent Four acts advance. (Live) | | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Baggage" An artist's death leads detectives to uncover a string of murders. | | 6 WJAC-TV News<br>9 News<br>11 News | (:35) The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien Sen. John McCain. (N) | | (:37) Late Night With Jimmy Fallon John Leguizamo; Smokey Robinson. (N) | | (:36) Last Call With Carson Daly Andy Richter. | (:05) Poker After Dark Barry Greenstein; Jason Alexander; Phil Gordon; Orel Hershiser; Don Cheadle; Gavin Smith. | |
| FOX<br>8 WWCP<br>53 WPGH | 8 The Simpsons<br>53 Two and a Half Men | 8 That '70s Show<br>53 Frasier | 8 Seinfeld<br>53 Two and a Half Men | 8 Everybody Loves Raymond<br>53 Seinfeld | So You Think You Can Dance Fan favorites from previous seasons. (N) | | (8:58) Glee A teacher tries to reinvent the high school's glee club; includes previously unseen footage. | | 8 News<br>53 Channel 11 News | 8 (:35) Everybody Loves Raymond | 8 (:05) Seinfeld<br>53 Seinfeld | 8 (:35) Frasier<br>53 Scrubs | 8 (12:05) "Uncaged Heart" (2007)<br>53 Scrubs | 53 Recession Profits Monthly income. | 53 Paid Program | 53 Free Money Free money to Americans. | 8 (:05) Paid Program<br>53 George Lopez | 8 Paid Prog.<br>53 House of Payne |
| 13 WQED | The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) | | Nightly Business Report | OnQ | American Masters "Trumbo" (N) | | | Previews-Parks | Wide Angle Crisis in access to basic education. (N) | | Charlie Rose (N) | | | OnQ | Smart Travels: Europe | American Masters "Trumbo" | | Previews-Parks |
| 19 WPCW | The People's Court | | Everybody-Raymond | Everybody-Raymond | America's Next Top Model "Take Me to the Jungle" | | America's Next Top Model The winner is chosen. | | 10 O'Clock News | The Nightly Sports Call | Malcolm in the Middle | According to Jim | | King of the Hill | South Park | Paid Program | Paid Program | Paid Program | Paid Program |
| 22 WPMY | Simpsons | Family Guy | Simpsons | Family Guy | World's Funniest Moments | | Magic's Biggest Secrets | | TMZ (N) | Frasier | Law Order: CI | | | Free Money | Paid Prog. | Bernie Mac | My Wife | Half & Half | Half & Half |
| 40 WPCB | The 700 Club | | Focus 4 "God at Work" | | Jimmy Gentry | | Dawn Hall | Aspiring | With Arlene | Quick Study | Nwswtch | The Place for Miracles | | | Theater | Focus 4 | | Gospel | Tripp |
| 59 WBGN | Crosswords | RENO 911! | Style by Jury | Paid Prog. | The FBI Files | | Cold Squad (DVS) | | Cheaters | RENO 911! | Punk'd | Cribs | | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. |
| A&E | CSI: Miami "Dead Air" | | Criminal Minds | | Dog the Bounty Hunter | | Dog | Dog | Criss Angel Mindfreak (N) | | Criss Angel Mindfreak | | | Dog the Bounty Hunter | | Dog | Dog | Criss Angel Mindfreak | |
| ABCFAM | My Wife | My Wife | '70s Show | '70s Show | Funniest Home Videos | | America's Funniest Home Videos Homie awards. | | The 700 Club | | | | | 10 Things | Ruby | Paid Prog. | P90X: Proof | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. |
| AMC | (5:45) ★★ "Dragonheart" (1996) Dennis Quaid. | | | | ★★ "Stargate" (1994) Kurt Russell, James Spader. Premiere. | | | | | ★★ "Star Trek: Nemesis" (2002) Patrick Stewart, Brent Spiner. | | | | | | ★★ "Wolf" (1994, Horror) Jack Nicholson. | | | |
| ANPL | Weird, True & Freaky | | Unexplained, Unexplored | | Untamed and Uncut | | I Was Bitten | | I Shouldn't Be Alive | | I Was Bitten | | | I Shouldn't Be Alive | | Untamed and Uncut | | Unexplained, Unexplored | |
| BBC | Kitchen Nightmares | | BBC World News America | | Ramsay's Kitchen | | Gordon Ramsay's F Word | | BBC World News America | | Ramsay's Kitchen | | | Gordon Ramsay's F Word | | Ramsay's Kitchen | | Gordon Ramsay's F Word | |
| BET | 106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Trey Songz. (Live) | | | | ★★★ "Boyz N the Hood" (1991) Larry Fishburne. | | | | Tiny & Toya | Tiny & Toya | The Wendy Williams Show | | | ★★★ "Boyz N the Hood" (1991) Larry Fishburne. | | | | The Wendy Williams Show | |
| BRAVO | Top Chef | | Top Chef | | Top Chef: Las Vegas | | Top Chef: Las Vegas | | Top Chef: Las Vegas (N) | | (:15) Top Chef: Las Vegas | | | | Top Chef: Las Vegas | | (:45) Top Chef: Las Vegas | | |
| CMT | Extreme Makeover: Home Edition | | | | Trading Spouses | | Trading Spouses | | CMT Music Awards 2009 | | | | | | CMT Music Awards 2009 | | | | |
| CNBC | Mad Money | | Kudlow Report | | CNBC Reports | | American Greed | | American Greed | | Mad Money | | | Fast Money | | American Greed | | Paid Prog. | 21st Century |
| CNN | Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer | | Lou Dobbs Tonight | | Campbell Brown (N) | | Larry King Live (N) | | Anderson Cooper 360 | | | | | Larry King Live | | Anderson Cooper 360 | | Anderson Cooper 360 | |
| COM | RENO 911! | Presents | "Futurama: Into the Wild Green Yonder" (2009) | | | | South Park | South Park | The Comedy Central Roast "Bob Saget" | | | The Comedy Central Roast | | | | Futurama | Futurama | Futurama | Tosh.0 |
| CSPAN | (5:00) House of Representatives | | | | Tonight From Washington | | | | | | Capital News Today | | | | | | | Today in Washington | |
| DISC | Cash Cab | Cash Cab | MythBusters | | MythBusters | | Man vs. Wild "Texas" (N) | | Man vs. Wild "Vietnam" | | MythBusters | | | Man vs. Wild "Texas" | | Man vs. Wild "Vietnam" | | Man vs. Wild "Iceland" | |
| DISNEY | Phineas-Ferb | Zack & Cody | Wizards | Montana | ★★ "The Thirteenth Year" (1999) | | | Phineas-Ferb | Wizards | Montana | Zack & Cody | That's-Raven | | Life Derek | Cory | Replace | Kim Possible | Emperor | Dragon |
| E! | Kourtney | Kourtney | E! News (N) | The Daily 10 | Reality Hell | Soup | Christina Aguilera: The E! True Hollywood Story (N) | | | | Chelsea | E! News | | Chelsea | "Bring it On: All or Nothing" (2006) Hayden Panettiere. | | | | Chelsea |
| ESPN | SportsCenter (Live) | | MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Tampa Bay Rays. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) | | | | | | MLB Baseball Arizona Diamondbacks at Los Angeles Dodgers. (Subject to Blackout) | | | | | | SportsCenter (Live) | | | SportsCenter (Live) | |
| ESPNC | College Football 1988 Oklahoma at Oklahoma State. | | | | College Football 2008 Oklahoma vs. Texas. | | | | College Football: 1997 Sugar Bowl -- Fla. vs. FSU | | | | | American Gladiators | | Boxing | | Boxing | |
| ESPN2 | U.S. Open Scoreboard | | Tennis U.S. Open -- Men's First Round and Women's Second Round. (Live) | | | | | | | | SportsCenter (Live) | | | NFL Live (N) | NASCAR | Baseball | 2009 World Series of Poker | | World Series |
| EWTN | Catholic | God in Tibet | Daily Mass: Our Lady | | EWTN Live | | Super Saints | Holy Rosary | Project Amazon Comm | | Faith-Culture | Heritage | | Daily Mass: Our Lady | | EWTN Live | | Letter-Spirit | Marriage |
| FNC | Special Report | | FOX Report-Shepard Smith | | The O'Reilly Factor (N) | | Hannity (N) | | On the Record | | The O'Reilly Factor | | | Hannity | | On the Record | | Glenn Beck | |
| FOOD | Cooking | Minute | Challenge Famous bridges. | | Spuds Unwrapped | | Bobby Flay | Bobby Flay | Dinner: Impossible (N) | | Good Eats | Unwrapped | | Bobby Flay | Bobby Flay | Dinner: Impossible | | Good Eats | Unwrapped |
| FSN | Magazine | Football | Penn State Football | | Penn State | WVU Foot | Pitt Football | Spotlight | | Final Score | Reloaded | Final Score | | Best Damn-Pageant | | Final Score | Final Score | ClubWPT.com | |
| FX | (5:00) ★★ "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" (2005, Action) Brad Pitt. | | | | ★★ "Perfect Stranger" (2007) Halle Berry. Premiere. | | | | ★★ "Perfect Stranger" (2007) Halle Berry, Bruce Willis. | | | | | '70s Show | '70s Show | '70s Show | '70s Show | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. |
| GOLF | Golf Central | Top 10 | The Golf Fix | Quest-Card | 19th Hole (N) | Top 10 | Golf | Golf | Deutsche Bank Highlights | | 19th Hole | Golf Central | | Golf | Golf | Deutsche Bank Highlights | | 19th Hole | Quest-Card |
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| HGTV | To Sell | Beyond Box | House | House | Property | Property | House | Income Prop. | House | Renovation | Big Amazing | First Place | | Property | Property | House | Income Prop. | House | Renovation |
| HIST | UFO Hunters | | Modern Marvels | | MonsterQuest | | MonsterQuest | | MonsterQuest | | MonsterQuest | | | MonsterQuest | | MonsterQuest | | MonsterQuest | |
| LIFE | Grey's Anatomy | | Medium | | Medium "Coming Soon" | | ★ "The Messengers" (2007) Kristen Stewart. | | | | Will & Grace | Will & Grace | | Frasier | Frasier | Will & Grace | Grey's Anatomy | | Paid Prog. |
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| MTV | Best Dance Crew | | Best Dance Crew | | 16 and Pregnant Adoption. | | The Real World | | The Real World (N) | | The Real World | | | Pranked | Nitro Circus | Beatdown | Fantasy | The Real World | |
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| SCIFI | Stargate SG-1 | | Ghost Hunters | | Ghost Hunters | | Ghost Hunters (N) | | Ghost Hunters | | Ghost Hunters | | | Scariest Places on Earth | | Lost "... In Translation" | | The X-Files "Excelsius Dei" | |
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| TCM | Day | ★★ "The 27th Day" (1957) Gene Barry. | | | ★★★★ "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" (1939) | | | | (:15) ★★★★ "Casablanca" (1942) Humphrey Bogart. | | | | | (12:15) ★★★ "Mr. Skeffington" (1944, Drama) Bette Davis. (DVS) | | | | Notorious | |
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| TNT | Bones | | Bones | | Bones | | Leverage (N) | | Dark Blue "Venice Kings" | | Leverage | | | Dark Blue "Venice Kings" | | CSI: NY | | Cold Case "Late Returns" | |
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| ENC | (5:45) ★★★ "Die Hard" (1988) Bruce Willis. | | | | ★★★ "No Country for Old Men" (2007) | | | | (:05) ★★★ "Scarface" (1983, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Michelle Pfeiffer. | | | | | | ★★ "Resident Evil: Extinction" (2007) | | | | The Crush |
| HBO | (5:45) ★★ "The Bucket List" (2007) | | REAL Sports | | | Mayweather | True Blood "Frenzy" | | Hard Knocks | | Real Time With Bill Maher | | | ★★★ "Tropic Thunder" (2008) Ben Stiller. | | | | Entourage | Chainsaw |
| MAX | ★★ "The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor" | | | | ★★ "Boomerang" (1992, Comedy) Eddie Murphy. | | | | ★★ "Nights in Rodanthe" (2008) | | | Co-Ed Conf. | | (12:10) "The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor" | | | | (:05) Lingerie | The Brothers |
| SHOW | ★★ "Love and Other Disasters" (2006) | | ★★ "Bottle Shock" (2008) Alan Rickman. iTV Premiere. | | | | | Weeds (iTV) | "Lower Learning" (2008) Jason Biggs. | | | (:40) ★★★ "Honeydripper" (2007) Danny Glover. iTV. | | | | (:45) ★★★ "Poor Boy's Game" (2007) | | | |
| STARZ | (4:50) "30 Days of Night" | | (6:50) ★★ "Bring It On" (2000) | | | | "Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist" (2008) | | Lawrence | Lawrence | ★★ "Next Friday" (2000) Ice Cube. | | | (:40) ★★ "Prom Night" (2008) | | | | (:10) ★★ "Bring It On" | |
| TMC | ★★ "Passion of Mind" (2000, Drama) Demi Moore. | | | | ★★ "Flashbacks of a Fool" (2008) Daniel Craig. | | | | ★★ "War" (2007) Jet Li, Jason Statham. | | (:45) "The Darwin Awards" (2006) Joseph Fiennes. | | | | | ★★ "Wilderness" (2006) Sean Pertwee. | | | |


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# FEATURES

*Frugal Living*

## Get motivated by like-minded people

Sara **NOEL**

Frugal living can be hard to live long term. But you're not alone.

Many readers comment about ways they stay motivated. Most agree that it's reassuring they aren't the only frugal people trying to waste less, make things last longer, reduce debt, and save money. And that choosing to be frugal doesn't mean you're cheap or deprived.

Here are a few reader testimonials to motivate or inspire you to stay on track.

**BE YOUR FAMILY CEO**: The thing that struck me most was the realization that all the creativity and problem-solving I put into other areas of my life could be applied to running the household and finances, too. Believe it or not, I hadn't made that connection. – **Jean, Canada**

**FOR ALL INCOMES**: Even if you have a small income, you STILL have the power to make your dreams come true. It's the little things that can chew away at your savings. Spend where your values are. Bottom line: Frugality is empowering. – **Melina, Massachusetts**

**LEARN NEW SKILLS**: I learned how to can spaghetti sauce, make my own laundry detergent, how to make three kinds of solar ovens, use my slow cooker for a lot more meals and that Habitat for Humanity also has stores. Visit www.habitat.org/cd/env/restore.aspx to find the one closest to you. This can save tons on home-improvement projects if you hit them at the right time. – **G.G., Kentucky**

**VALUE YOUR WORK**: I feel that my husband and I work hard for our money. To do all that work and then just fritter it away would feel wrong. I'm not above treats every now and then, but mindless spending is just not what I'm willing to do with my hard-earned cash. – **Amy B., New Jersey**

**KNOW YOUR PRIORITIES**: I have joy back in my life and am learning to focus on the things that truly matter, which are my family and friends. Lots of the other things get in the way and can cloud your view of what is important. Plus, it's a neat challenge to realize the waste that occurs when you're not thinking about your spending. What other great things can we do with this money instead of blowing it on needless possessions? -- **Kim, Colorado**

**BE GOAL-ORIENTED**: I've changed over the past couple of years. I just don't have the urge to buy things anymore. Last year, when I was paying off credit-card debt, I was much more interested in watching those balances go down. This year, I'm saving up an emergency fund, and after that I want to save up for a new car. So I'm much more interested in watching my bank-account balances grow. That's my motivation right now. – **S.S., California**

**FACE THE MUSIC:** I got fed up with the anxiety that comes with always living beyond your means while knowing that eventually it will all come crashing down around you. I'm driven by the peace that comes when you finally decide to do what you've known all along you should be doing. I've made a game of it, which I call "How low can we go?" It is fun to find new ways to save small amounts of money and completely crazy how fast it adds up. It's also joyful when my husband and I can finally, after 27 years of marriage, discuss our finances without getting defensive and having a fight. – **Meriana, forums**

## CALENDAR WATCH

### Thursday

■ Southwestern Local Task Force meeting, Intermediate Unit 1 Central Office, 1 Intermediate Unit Drive, Coal Center, 7 p.m.

■ Charleroi Lions Club meeting, JEM Lounge, Fallowfield Township, 6:30 p.m.

■ Mon Valley Nurses Association meeting, Riverside Place, Charleroi, 6 p.m.

■ Family Story Time, Monessen Public Library, 6 p.m.

■ MARS Club meeting, 1 p.m.

■ Belle Vernon Knights of Columbus Council 3026 meeting, Seven Dolors Church, Yukon, 8 p.m.

■ Tutor training held by Washington County Literacy Council, Citizens Library, 6 to 9 p.m.

■ Southwestern PA Area Agency on Aging Inc. Relatives as Parents Support Group meeting, Washington Care Center, 75 East Maiden St., 6 p.m.

■ Charleroi American Legion Club meeting, 7 p.m., post meeting, 8 p.m.

■ Penny social, Our Lady of the Valley Parish, St. Dominic worship site, Donora, 6:30 p.m., doors open at 5:30 p.m.

■ Angel Food Ministry signups, First Presbyterian Church, Monongahela, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ Overeaters Anonymous meeting, Mon Valley Community Health Center, Monessen, 7:30 p.m.

## VALLEY GRAPEVINE

### Greyhound pep rally scheduled

There will be a Monessen Greyhound community pep rally 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Memorial Stadium.

### Morning Star Grange to meet

Morning Star Grange will meet for lunch noon Friday at Hoss's Steak House in Rostraver Township. The business meeting will follow.

### Washington Rides to close Monday

Washington Rides (Washington County Transportation Authority Office) will be closed Monday in observance of Labor Day. The office will reopen Tuesday at regular hours. Passengers should schedule with the office no later than 3 p.m. Friday for trips on Saturday and by 4 p.m. for trips on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Van service will be available. Call (724) 223-8747 or 1-800-331-5058.

### Missouri shipmates to meet in October

The USS Missouri (BB-63) Association is a non-profit organization made up of sailors, marines, officers and midshipmen who have served aboard this famous battleship. Shipmates that served aboard the Missouri are invited to the quarterly meeting in Cobleskill, NY, from Oct. 16-18. All veterans and interested parties along with their family and friends are invited. For information, call Bill Morton, vice president, at (803) 469-3579 or email him at Mo63@ftc-i.net or Jack Stempick, president, at (203) 281-4693 or email him at mobb63ct@aol.com.

### Slovak Ladies plan fall meeting

First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Branch 88 will host the fall meeting of the Pittsburgh District at the Epiphany of Our Lord Chapel. For information, call Dorothy at (724) 684-8243.

### Zumba classes planned at SOI

Zumba classes will be held Monday evenings at the Perryopolis Sons of Italy. Classes will begin Sept. 14. For information, call Chrissy at (724) 736-4771 or (412) 760-8518.

### Speers pre-school registration open

Speers Pre-school is accepting registration for the 3 and 4-year-old afternoon session. Applications are available.

Orientation will be held Sept. 14 for the 3-day per week class and Sept. 15 for the 2-day per week class. Call for the times.

For information on registrations or orientations, call (724) 483-3565.

## WEDDINGS

### Lackner-Hollis

Laura Lackner and Michael Hollis were united in marriage Aug. 19, 2009, at Sand Key Beach, Clearwater, Fla., with Les Davis officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Brenda Lackner, of Belle Vernon, and the late Alexander Lackner Jr. The groom is the son of Dawn Hollis, of Fairchance, and Milton Hollis, of Lake Lynn.

The bride's maternal grandmother is Elsie Fisher, of Banning, and paternal grandfather is Alexander Lackner Sr., of Pricedale. The groom's maternal grandparents are Jack and Sharron Farkas, of Perryopolis.

Maid of honor was Kelly Vagnoni, of Monessen. Best man was Nicholas Sethman, of Fayette City.

The bride is a graduate of Belle Vernon Area High School and Western School of Health and Business Careers in Pittsburgh. She is employed at Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC, Pittsburgh, as an anesthesia technician. The groom is a Frazier High School graduate and is employed with Three Rivers Marina in Belle Vernon.

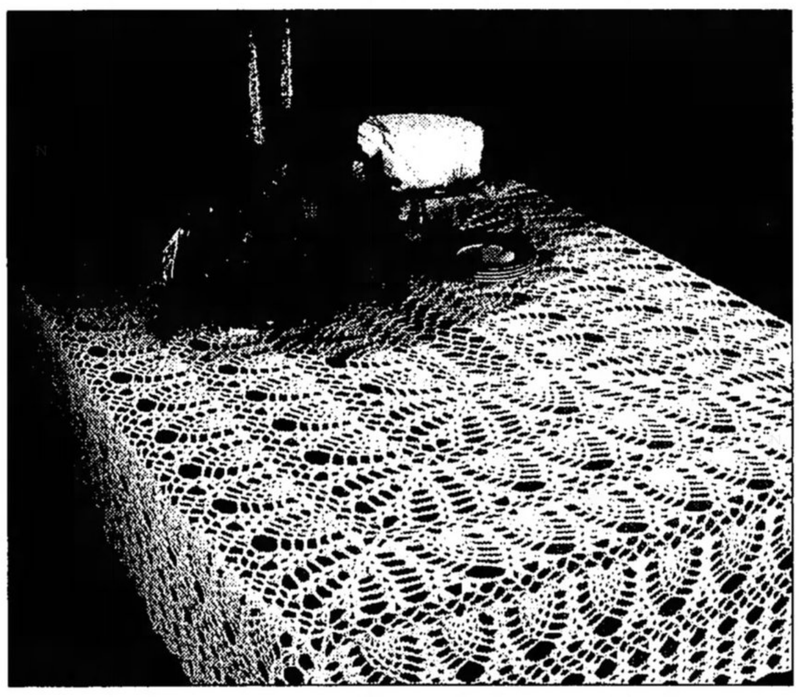
**Michael and Laura Lackner Hollis**

The newlyweds honeymooned in Florida and are residing in Belle Vernon.

## CRAFT OF THE WEEK

### Tablecloths in half the time

If you enjoy entertaining, you already know that there's nothing more inviting than a well-set table. And the foundation of that lovely table is always an elegant tablecloth. Now there's an easy way for crocheters to create some almost-instant ambience, just in time for the next dinner party.



**'Lacy Pineapples' tablecloth**

A full-color, 24-page guidebook, "Tablecloths in Half the Time," makes it easy. The book features four lacy thread-crochet designs that work up so fast you won't need an excuse to set a pretty table. Perfect for holiday entertaining, they also make stunning gifts.

Each project—one oval, two rectangular and one round—includes a materials list and row-by-row or round-by-round instructions (depending on the shape of the design). A color photo of each completed tablecloth will help you select the perfect one, and a glossary of abbreviations and an illustrated stitch guide round out the collection.

Designs include "Lacy Pineapples" (pictured), "White Daisies," "Golden Stems" and "Thistle Seed."

The "Tablecloths in Half the Time" guidebook, No. AN878539, is $7.95. If you've never tried thread crochet but you'd like to learn, a 60-page guidebook, the "Ultimate Guide to Thread Crochet," No. LA4263, is also available for $12.95. Please include $4 for postage and handling and allow about two weeks for delivery.

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Is that person involved in an interesting or successful career?

If so, we would like to hear from you. Your friend could be featured in Valley Exports.

To submit a name, call Joe Abramowitz at (724) 684-2634. You also can email to jabramowitz@tribweb.com.

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

**by Luis Campos**

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

*Today's clue: D equals C*

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "In an industry of icons, Walter (Cronkite) set the standard by which all others have been judged." - President Barack Obama

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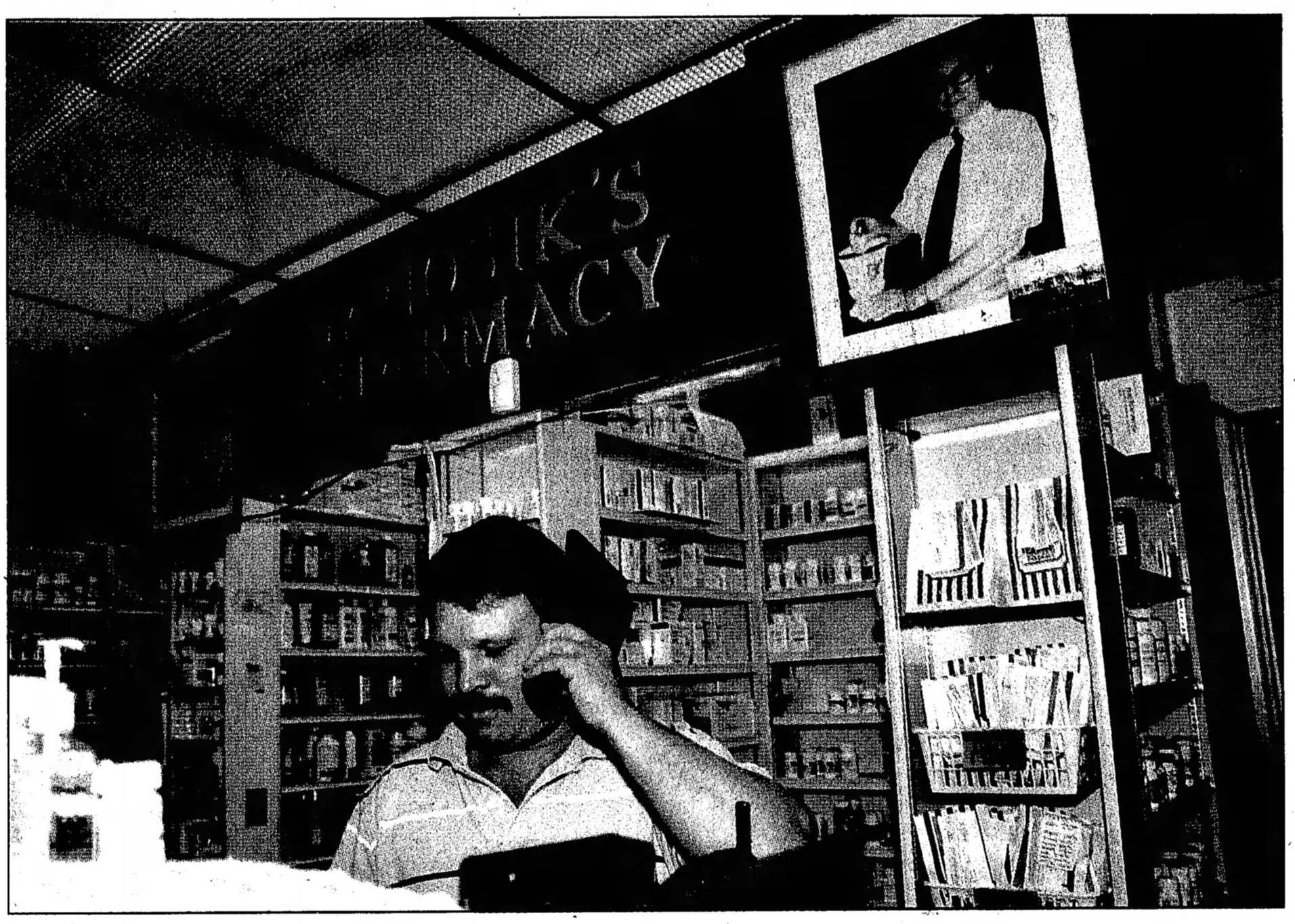
# JANOSIK'S PHARMACY



Joe Janosik works beneath portraits of two other Joes – his father and grandfather – at the family pharmacy on Sixth Street in Monessen. Janosik's Pharmacy survives in an era of big box competitors because it provides outstanding customer service and a personal touch. Nickel Cokes are long gone, but a Joe Janosik is still willing to leave his home to fill a prescription for a customer in need.

*Jim Ference/The Valley Independent*

## Company stays close to customers

Joe Janosik followed his grandfather and father into the business.

**By CHRIS BUCKLEY**
*Staff Writer*
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Before the old store was moved, people went to the Star Theater in Monessen and then two doors up the street to Janosik's Pharmacy for a soda.

Janosik's, which was located at the intersection of Sixth Street and Donner Avenue, had a side door along Donner.

Mary Hasch remembers the customers coming in the side door and lining up for floats, ice cream or nickel Cokes after movies.

"Monessen used to be booming then," Hasch said. "You would go to the show and then stop at Janosik's. That was the thing to do then.

"We still have people come in and say, 'Where's your nickel Coke?'"

The nickel Cokes along with the soda fountain have faded away, but Janosik's is still a constant along Sixth Street, as it has for more than 70 years.

On the wall in the back of the business, framing letters spelling out "Janosik's Pharmacy" are portraits of founder Joseph Steven Janosik and his son, Joseph "Tom" Janosik.

They almost appear to be watching over Joseph Janosik, who represents the third generation of Janosik's to own and operate the pharmacy.

The business has been in Monessen since the early 1930s, when Joseph Steven Janosik bought a pharmacy and renamed it. That business was located at 104 Sixth St. until his son, "Tom," moved to its current location in 1968.

Mary Hasch has worked at Janosik's for 43 years, spanning the three generations of owners. She still remembered when Janosik's employees used shopping carts from the nearby A&P supermarket to carry supplies a few doors up the hill from 104 Sixth St. to 122 Sixth St. during the move.

Ranae Janosik, left, stands behind the counter with Mary Hasch, who has worked at the pharmacy on Sixth Street for 43 years. Ranae Janosik – the daughter of owner Joe Janosik – represents the fourth generation at the family owned pharmacy.

*Jim Ference/The Valley Independent*

### Valley Survivors

This weekly feature honors a "Valley Survivor" — one of the many Mid-Mon Valley businesses, organizations and institutions that began when the local economy was booming, survived the financial havoc created by the decline of the domestic steel industry and remain viable today.

A 1962 graduate of Monessen High School who went on to beauty school, Hasch was looking for a job when she found one with Janosik's in 1966.

"I like to work with people," Hasch said. "I've always had good bosses."

And Monessen has remained in the pharmacy, evident by the two 'Hounds football helmets on the shelves alongside the right side of the store.

An old fashioned gum ball machine is still on the counter and greeting cards are displayed in the center aisle.

All three generations of Janosik's graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy. Joseph "Tom" Janosik joined his father in the family pharmacy after graduating from Pitt in 1954. His son joined in 1991.

Joseph Steven Janosik died around the time his son moved the pharmacy to its current location. The current owner took over when his father died in 1999.

He had already been working at the pharmacy for more than 20 years, beginning when he was 10.

"I was just down here all the time," Janosik said. "I just liked being around people."

Their success has been built through "customer-friendly" attitude. It has been built one happy customer at a time.

"Back in the day, before the Rite Aids and Walmarts, when the stores were not open on Sundays, many days we would come out late to fill an emergency prescription," Janosik said. "Over the years, you build your loyal customer base."

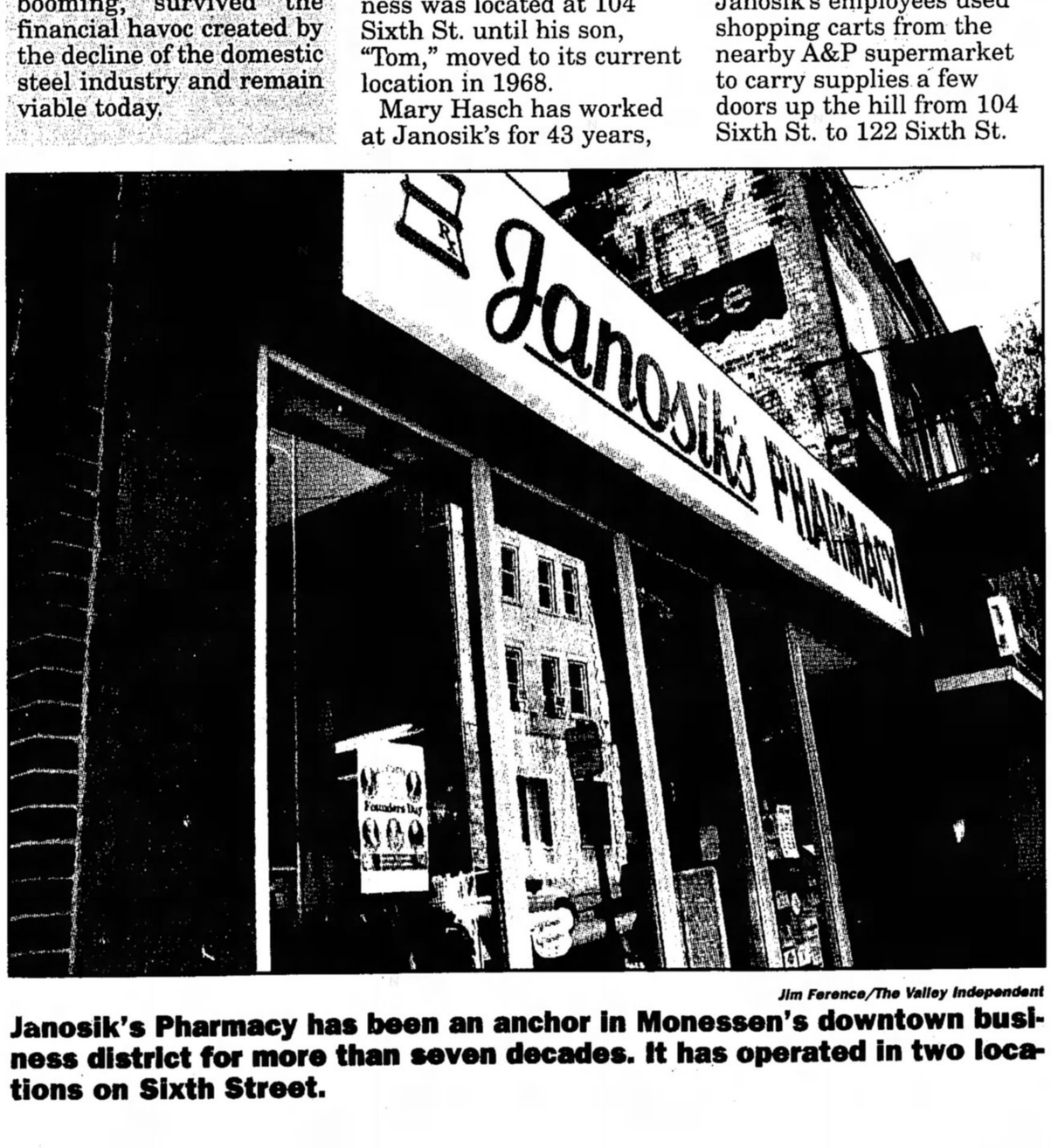
Janosik said little things – such as free delivery – help maintain that customer base.

"A lot of people come back and tell us memories they have," Janosik said.

Every once in awhile, Janosik's will get a telephone call late Saturday or on a Sunday to fill an emergency prescription. Janosik, who lives in the city, provides that service.

From his office in the back of the store, Joe Janosik calls out to a familiar customer.

"My dad and I just got accustomed to working here and meeting people and giving them personal service," Janosik said.

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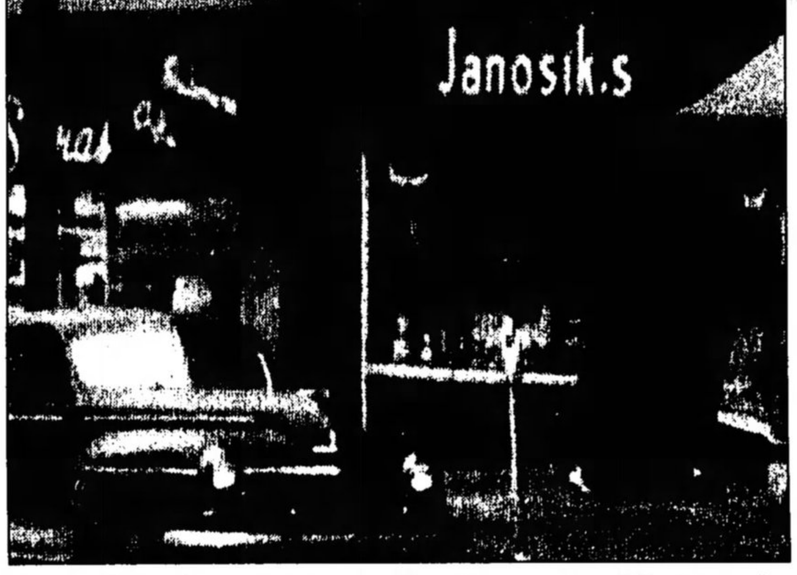
**Janosik's Pharmacy has been an anchor in Monessen's downtown business district for more than seven decades. It has operated in two locations on Sixth Street.**




**Janosik's has been a business institution in Monessen for decades – including an era when steel was king and the city was booming.**

# Online project to boost manufacturers

Two Washington County agencies are undertaking the Internet project.

**By The Valley Independent**

The Washington County Industrial Development Authority is producing an online version of its successful Washington County Manufacturers' Directory.

The authority, working with the Washington County Chamber of Commerce Manufacturers' Network, decided to take the publication from a print version to an online version.

The directory is a listing of manufacturing companies in the county and is designed to promote county manufacturers to potential customers.

According to authority Chairman John E. Artuso, the organization decided to digitalize the publication on the Web so manufacturers and other businesses had up-to-date information on manufacturing opportunities in the county.

"As you may suspect, anything like the directory that is printed is out of date as soon as it is published," Artuso said.

"By developing the directory online, we will have the ability to update information immediately. Also, by moving the information to the Web, it will be available to a broader audience, thus increasing opportunities and marketing exposure for our local manufacturers."

Artuso said the authority will cover all costs for the online product.

The authority wanted to work through the Manufacturers' Network to insure accurate information from all of the county's manufacturers, Artuso said.

Chamber President Jeff Kotula said the partnership will produce results.

"The chamber is committed to (helping) our manufactures grow and remain competitive," Kotula said. "To further this goal, the chamber developed a manufacturers' network this year to create training, networking and business opportunities for our local manufacturers.

"Working with the WCIDA on producing and digitalizing an online version of their directory will certainly increase those opportunities."

The project is expected to be competed by year's end.

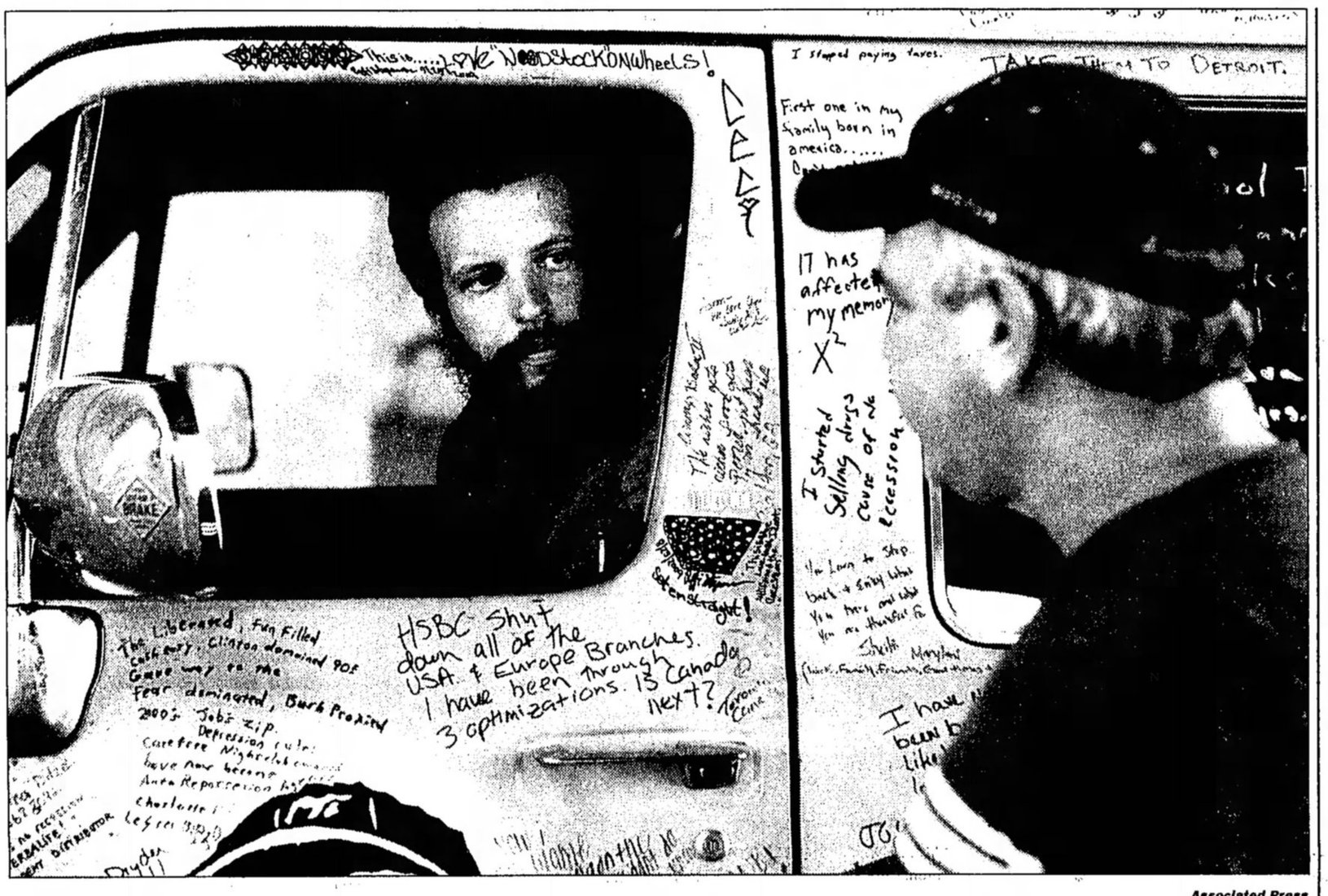
Kotula said the chamber wanted to improve networking for its members and decided to build on the printed directory, taking it online.

Kotula said the project is an example of two economic development agencies working together to promote economic development.

"The issue was to keep it current," Kotula said. "We want potential clients or suppliers to have access to all of Washington County's manufactures."

The online directory will be continually updated, Kotula said.

Manufacturing in Washington County is extremely important to us," Kotula said. "The more we can get them out there, promote them, get them to do business with each other, the more it helps the economy."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**Aaron Heideman, left, listens to how the recession has affected Ed Therrien, who has been homeless for three years and living in a tent city underneath the Washington Bridge in East Providence, R.I. Heideman left Oregon July 1 with what he calls "The Man in a Van Project," through which he collecting stories from people who have been affected by the recession.**

# Man in Van chronicles recession mile by mile

Homeless and jobless, Aaron Heideman is turning misery into art.

**MICHELLE R. SMITH**
*Associated Press Writer*

PROVIDENCE, R.I – The beat-up 1989 Dodge van carries a sign with a question: "How has the recession affected you?"

Along the side, a request: "Tell me your story."

Scrawled in marker across the orange paint are hard-luck tales: "My grandma lost her house and my dad is working less hours," signed Peoria, AZ. "I lost my job, my home, my car & was homeless for 6 months. This was the first time in 27 yrs I was out of work," signed Sue W.

The man behind the wheel is Aaron Heideman, 29, an artist from Grants Pass, Ore., who in the past year lost his job at a paint store and began sleeping in the van.

He hit the road July 1 with what he calls "The Man in a Van Project," angling for a $250,000 prize at an art fair.

"I just want to give people a voice," he said during a stop in Rhode Island, the 20th state he stopped in during what he calls a nationwide conceptual art piece.

His media, as he describes it: a 50-yard (45-meter) roll of plastic, a Dodge van, and a homeless man (himself).

His final destination is Grand Rapids, Mich., home of ArtPrize, where he plans to display his project this month and in October.

During Heideman's stops, he unscrolls several feet of the plastic Tyvec roll, lays it in front of the van with a couple of Sharpie markers, and encourages passers-by to pause for a minute and add their thoughts.

"I lost my job 10 month ago, and I'm still unemployed. I don't have family here and I need help," signed Denis Chavez.

"My parents are always fighting about money," wrote Melissa Curry, 17, of Johnston, R.I.

Heideman estimates that thousands of people have written messages on the banner and van.

"I like the fact that this is a way for regular folks to tell a story," said Aaron Phaneuf, 32, of Newport, R.I., a fundraiser at Brown University, after he wrote a note about the difficulties he's had raising money these days.

Roger D'Ambra, 25, lost his job at a grocery store 5 1/2 months ago and has a 4-year-old daughter to support.

"I know 1,000 people out there hurting," he said after writing a message. "Maybe this will actually help."

Some messages are hopeful.

"All my college savings were in the stock market. But I'm not giving up. I've cut back on a lot of things I thought I could never live without and I'm a better person for it. DON'T GIVE UP AMERICA!" signed Melissa Charette, a student at Johnson and Wales University in Providence.

"Started my own business," reads another.

"I am a professional musician. People need and want my music more than ever," signed Michelangelo Carruba.

Heideman said one of the things that's struck him the most is the positive outcomes people get from their new circumstances.

"A lot of people are getting closer to their families, and they value community more than ever," he said.

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Heideman tried to stop longer in states hit hardest by the recession: Rhode Island has the country's second-highest unemployment rate, at 12.7 percent, for example.

But he said he found hard-luck stories even in states like Maryland and New Jersey that he had planned to skip.

Along the way, a belt on the van gave out, and a water pump.

He's run out of gas on occasion.

He's also run out of food, and money, and had to turn to donations from strangers to get by.

He's been lucky enough to find people who have fixed his van for little or no money.

To save cash, Heideman eats a lot of refried beans, cold and straight from the can. He buys them with jalapenos because the beans taste hot that way.

Now, his alternator is on its last legs.

But he's got about $500 in donations, made through his Web site, and thinks that should be enough to get him to Indiana, Chicago and Michigan, where he plans to make several stops before ending in Grand Rapids by Sept. 15.

There, he plans to wrap his Tyvek banner around the Grand Rapids Community Foundation building and ask people to lay flowers next to it as a "memorial to the recession."

ArtPrize will be decided by voters who attend the event, which runs Sept. 23 through Oct. 10. Prizes range from $7,000 up to $250,000.

More than 1,000 artists have entered the competition, and Heideman knows his chances are slim.

If he does win, he plans to share his prize with some of the people who helped him along the way. In particular, he wants to help the Victory Assembly of God food bank in Brunswick, Ga., which supplied him with food and gas when he ran out of money after he had to stop at a hospital because of a severe sunburn.

If he doesn't win, that's OK too.

"It makes for an excellent resume," he said. "It makes for an interesting story."

*Your Financial Future*

# Plan ahead to avoid grief

Gary **BOATMAN**

Many times a person must choose beneficiary designation during their lifetime.

These designations are legally binding about who will receive an asset upon the owner's death. If care is not taken, your chosen recipient may not get the financial gain. It is easy to have errors in this area because you often chose these over a number of years.

Some of the areas in which you select a beneficiary include IRA's, 401(k)s, annuities, life insurance and long term care policies. Also, brokerage accounts, bank accounts, trusts and certificates of deposit.

These assets avoid probate, so they generally transfer more quickly than items that pass through a will.

A recent article in Investment News found that "about 80 percent of beneficiary forms on individual retirement accounts, defined retirement accounts and insurance policies are either blank, outdated or not properly filled in."

This can cause major problems after your death.

Beneficiary designations take preference over your will. This means that if there is a conflict between the two, the designee is the one who gets the money. There have been horror stories where things such as an old designation might leave a retirement plan to an ex-spouse instead of a new family. If this happens, the new family probably has no recourse.

In a retirement plan, there are much different tax scenarios if the beneficiary is a spouse versus nonspousal beneficiary. Spouses can roll over assets tax free into their own IRAs. Besides delaying the tax, you may have a longer time until minimum required distribution must take place.

If the money in your IRA is not needed as income, with proper planning you may be able to stretch the IRA and create much larger benefits for future generations. Options should carefully be reviewed with a professional.

Remember, beneficiary designations come into play when the owner dies. If the owner is in a coma or unfit to make decisions, a power of attorney must be in place to allow someone else to make decisions for the owner. Without power of attorney, a spouse may not be able to access important sources of money such as IRAs. This can create a major hardship.

People often get into these situations because they do not have compressive financial plans.

They have bought different financial products over the years from different sources and have never coordinated their plans.

The best way to avoid these problems is to meet with someone such as a certified financial planner and review overall finances. Planner help to uncover problem areas and work with attorneys when necessary to resolve possible problems.

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*Gary Boatman, a local businessman who serves as president of the Greater Monessen Chamber of Commerce, is a certified financial planner.*

# Late car payments up

The delinquency rates are similar to credit cards and mortgages.

**By The Associated Press**

NEW YORK – The rate at which people were late making auto loan payments rose in the second quarter as consumers struggled amid rising job losses.

For the quarter ended in June, the national rate of auto loans that were 60 days past due was up 7.35 percent, according to credit reporting agency TransUnion. While still a relatively low 0.73 percent, the rate rose from 0.68 percent at the same time a year ago.

Auto loan delinquencies did improve in the second quarter compared with the first quarter of 2009, when the rate was 0.83 percent.

The trend was similar to delinquency rates for credit cards and mortgages released earlier this month by TransUnion. Both of those types of credit showed marked jumps from last year, but indicated improvement from the first quarter.

Yet for auto loans, the rate's improvement in the second quarter from the first may just be seasonal, said Peter Turek, automotive vice president in TransUnion's financial services group. Consumers often catch up on past-due bills in the months between April and June as tax returns arrive and pressures from holiday spending ease.

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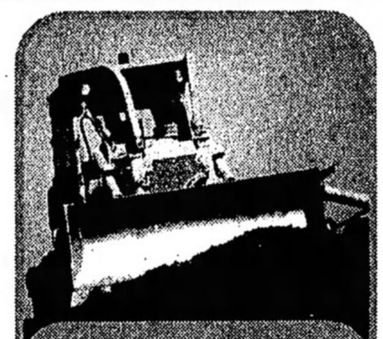

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## VIRGO

August 23 through September 22

**In the year ahead, all of the studying and preparation of the past will finally be used in your field of endeavor. Step up to the task regardless of how large it is, because a big payoff could be in the works.**

VIRGO **(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- Three friends might introduce new elements into a shaky social situation. With their intercession, things will turn around in ways that will please you. They have your best interests at heart.

LIBRA **(Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** -- Be alert for the many opportunities that could benefit you financially and career-wise. You're likely to do a good job of ferreting out the ones that perfectly suit your needs.

SCORPIO **(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** -- If you detach yourself from boring routines, this could turn into an interesting day for you. Give vent to your spirit of adventure by doing something different.

SAGITTARIUS **(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** -- Although joint ventures seem quite promising, should you find yourself with friends who fail to grasp what you're trying to do, break loose from them and operate on your own

CAPRICORN **(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- Something quite significant can be accomplished by strengthening bonds of an important alliance. If you nurture it well, this association can become even more prominent.

AQUARIUS **(Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** -- Although you may be in a propitious financial cycle, it will have its peaks and valleys. Today could turn into one of the high points, so be sure to make hay while the sun is shinning.

PISCES **(Feb. 20-March 20)** -- Don't stand idly by watching an inept individual fall down on the job. Step in, and take charge of the situation because, instead of resenting your input, this person will be thrilled you rode to the rescue.

ARIES **(March 21-April 19)** -- Keep everything moving forward regardless of the hurdles. Once you put the finishing touches on what you're trying to accomplish, the end results should be to your liking.

TAURUS **(April 20-May 20)** -- Don't let negative thinking prevail with regard to your friends. Set the tone by elevating your level of hopes, aspirations or expectations of them, and they will respond in kind.

GEMINI **(May 21-June 20)** -- Regardless of how things start out, major achievements are possible concerning your financial affairs and career matters. However, even if they are interrelated, treat each individually for the best results.

CANCER **(June 21-July 22)** -- If you treat life like a game and play to win, you'll attract a lot more players to your side of the field. Your influence over peers will be remarkable.

LEO **(July 23-Aug. 22)** -- Don't be disturbed by changes made to your work by others because their little touches are likely to turn what you started into something quite superior. Since it's your project, you'll get all the credit.

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ZONING HEARING BOARD
TO: CITIZENS OF ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP

THE ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 201 MUNICIPAL DRIVE, BELLE VERNON, PENNSYLVANIA 15012 ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2009 AT 6:30 P.M., TO HEAR THE FOLLOWING CASES:

1. Michele Stockdill, 1293 Rostraver Road, Belle Vernon, PA 15012 is requesting a Special Exception for a Home Occupation. The applicants' proposed us is to have a child care service in the home. The property is located at 1293 Rostraver Road and is presently zoned R-1.

2. Maronda Homes, 11 Timberglen Drive, Imperial, PA 15126 is requesting a Special Exception. The applicants' proposed use is a model sales office. The property is located at 302 Davinci Court and is presently zoned A-1.

3. Laurie Demek, 487 Weddell Drive, Belle Vernon, PA 15012 is requesting a Special Exception. The owner of the property is Bellevue Partners, L.P. 333 Castle Drive, Belle Vernon, PA 15012. The applicants' proposed use is a day care center. The property is located at 510 Willowbrook Plaza and is presently zoned B-2.

4. Mon Valley Church and Missionary Alliance Church, 636 McKean Avenue, Charleroi, PA 15022 is requesting a Special Exception for a church and Variances for setbacks for parking stalls, driveway widths, slope requirements, building height, building setback, etc. The applicants' proposed use is to construct a church. The property is located at the intersection SR 51/Fells Church Road and is presently zoned A-1.

5. Thomas Kelly, 870 Rostraver Road, Belle Vernon, PA 15012 is requesting a Variance for parking. The applicants' proposed use is parking for Millers Auto Parts store. The property is located at 870 Rostraver Road and is presently zoned B-2.

6. Kim Greenwalt, 215 Verde Lane, Belle Vernon, PA 15012 is requesting a Yard Variance. The applicants' proposed use is an agricultural storage shed. The property is located at 215 Verde Lane and is presently zoned A-1.

7. Robert and Faith Savage, 509 Main St., Belle Vernon, PA 15012 are requesting a Variance for area and frontage. The applicants' proposed use is to construct a residential home. The property is located at 205 Roberts St. and is presently zoned R-2.

All parties interested or wishing to be heard are invited to attend.

** NOTE: The applicant(s)/ their representative MUST ATTEND this hearing in order for action to be taken on the request.

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Lohigh, Helen
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### 2020/BID NOTICES

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You may obtain the above-mentioned bid proposal from the Washington County Web site at www.co.washington.pa.us Vendors receiving bids from the web site are responsible for checking for contract changes at the web site.

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### 2030/MEETING NOTICES

MID MON VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
September Meeting Notice

Finance Committee - September 16, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors - September 16, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

All meetings are held at Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority 1300 McKean Avenue Charleroi, PA 15022 Unless otherwise noted

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### 4010/CEMETERY LOTS

2 LEVEL LOTS at MV Memorial Park in Well of Semaria section, near main road, across from old school. $1045 for both. 724-929-4578

### 4070/LOST & FOUND

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### 4130/EVENT TICKETS

STEELER TICKETS Titans Sept. 10th, Raiders Dec. 6th, Packers Dec. 20th, Ravens Dec. 27th, $80 each. 724-684-4297.

### 5000/APPAREL & JEWELRY

BOYS CLOTHES size 7-8, bag full, some name brands, $25.00. 724-929-2730.

FALL SHORTS- girls name brand, sizes 10, 12. $2 each. 724-379-6663, 724-516-1845.

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MONESSEN Moving Sale 807 Alexander Ave. Fri. & Sat., Sept. 4 & 5, 8:30am-3pm. No presales

## 5310/GARAGE/YARD SALES

CHARLEROI Huge Multi Family 208 McKean Ave. Sept. 4,5,6, 9-2. Antiques, collectibles, household, furniture, something for everyone

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## 5310/GARAGE/YARD SALES

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## 4100/PERSONALS

## 5020/ARTICLES

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ICE SKATES women's size 10, new $20; Kohler toilet 1.6 gpf $30; blender/smoothie maker $10. 724-483-1801.

KITCHEN KNIVES + block, new. $40. Call 724-938-3436.

## 4100/PERSONALS

## 5020/ARTICLES

KITCHEN LIGHT 16" octagon, white, $8.00 Call 724-225-4628.

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PEPSI COOLER old 2'x4'x42"H, works good, $75.00. Call 724-684-7289.

POOL TABLE- game-room size, $150; also: FREEZER- large, $40. Call 412-805-8760.

PORTA POTTI never used, good for camping, camper, cottage, $40. 724-684-7289.

REMOTE CONTROL CAR, Cadillac LMP, like new, Radio Shack. $40. 724-379-9547.

SEWING MACHINE for sale. $30. Call 724-326-8673.

SEWING MACHINE- electric, $20; BABY BED, $15. Call 724-929-8864.

SHOWER CURTAIN with valance, white $7. Bath rug 23"x36", pink $5. 724-225-4628.

SOLID WALNUT BOARD with bark, 96"x 12"x 1½". $45. Call 724-929-3742.

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WALL UNIT- 3 piece, w/ glass shelves & lighting. $75. Call 412-805-8760.

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## 5030/AUCTIONS

### STORAGE UNITS AUCTIONED

The contents of the following units are to be auctioned at the U-Store, Inc. Facility, 312 Finley Rd., Belle Vernon, PA:
*Unit #208 rented to* Nellie Mae Schwartz; Unit #233 Michele Chamberlain; Unit #83 Dawn Bateman; Unit #238 Theresa McCurry, Unit #46 Chantel Crawley; Unit 22 Keith Cushenberry; Unit #198 Melinda Massey. Contents include misc. household goods. Bids will be accepted on entire contents only at the facility on September 12, 2009, 3 to 4 p.m.

## 5035/BABY ITEMS

BABY BASSINET wooden, white, excellent condition, $40.00. 724-929-2730.

BABY CRIB excellent condition, white slatted, $60.00. 724-929-2730.

GRACO Pack n Play with basinet $25.00 Call 724-483-1801.

## 5060/COMPUTERS

HP COMPUTER 17" monitor, good condition, OS98, plus scanner $95. 724-929-3891.

## 4100/PERSONALS

## 3060/FOR SALE/WASH.

CARROLL TWP. 3 bedroom, 1 acre, garage, owner will give over $6,000 towards buyer costs, home warranty. Call Mary at Coldwell Banker TCR 724-454-9059. $102,000.

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## 3065/FOR SALE/WMLD.

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## 3066/FOR SALE/OTHER

***- - NEW LISTINGS - -***

### CHARLEROI

3 bedroom Victorian, kitchen with island, dining room has built-in shelves, large bedrooms, level yard, garage. (Janice Handra).

Cute 2 story 3 bedroom, built-in bookshelves, deck, *home warranty.* (Janice Handra).

### DONORA

McKean Ave. Shy of an *acre, currently generates* income, great for building or keep as an investment. $12,500. (Wally Fronzaglio).

Charles St. 6 *lots sold as* a package, situated in nice area. $6,500. (Wally Fronzaglio).

Weaver and Charles St. 9 lots tucked away in country-like setting, sold as a package. $7,500. (Wally Fronzaglio).

### MONESSEN

Mint condition 3 bedroom home on 160x100 lot, all appliances stay. (Fran Puskaric).

### ROSTRAVER

4 bedroom 2½ bath. 9 yrs old, large kitchen opens to family room. Master bedroom suite. (Janice Handra).

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## 4100/PERSONALS

## 3066/FOR SALE/OTHER

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## 5205/TOOLS/HARDWARE

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## 5540/BIRDS

PARAKEET- *beautiful,* 4 months old, female, includes seed, cage. $25. 724-489-0107.

## 5550/CATS

2 KITTENS- adorable, litter trained. Free to good home. Call 724-518-6285.

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FREE to good home 2 yr. old female Lynx Point Siamese Cat. 724-565-5321.

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## 4100/PERSONALS

## 3080/MOBILE HOME/SPACES

ROSTRAVER- 3 bedrooms, *newly remodeled,* dishwasher, porch. Asking $6,800/ offer. 724-322-4730.

## 3540/APTS-RENT/FAYETTE

FAYETTE CITY-spacious 1 bedroom, 2nd floor. Peaceful bldg. $300+ util., security & references. 724-518-6285.

## 3555/APTS-RENT/WASHINGTON

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## 3561/APT-RENT/OTHER

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CHARLEROI 317 Shady Ave. 5 *rooms,* 2 bedroom, kitchen, living room, dining room, bath, detached garage. $425+ utilities. Call 724-684-3185.

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## 3620/HSE-RENT/WASHINGTON

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2000 DODGE Stratus, 4 dr., V6. $2,995.

2001 CHEVY Prism, 4 cyl., auto. $3,500.

2004 FORD Freestar SE 4 dr., V6, 3rd row seat. Must see. $6,300.

2001 CHRYSLER Voyager, V6, 4 dr., 3rd row seat. 62K. $4,995.

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